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M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. Gordon	16th	Dec.
* SHANNON	4302	L. M. Wibaer	23rd	"
M. L. PENINSULAR	5257	W. Whaler	30th	"
				1900.
* ORIENTAL	5294	J. F. Jephson	6th	Jan.
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	13th	"
* CARTHAGE	5192	J. R. Lendon	20th	"
M. L. ORIENTAL	5294	J. F. Jephson	27th	"
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	3rd	Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	10th	"
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	17th	"
M. L. ARABIA	7901	J. L. Parfitt	24th	"
* PENINSULAR	5257	W. Whaler	3rd	Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th	"
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th	"
M. L. PENINSULAR	5257	W. Whaler	24th	"
* ORIENTAL	5294	J. F. Jephson	31st	"
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th	April,

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F. C. ALLEN,
Acting Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Company.
Bombay, 23rd September, 1899.

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Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on.
IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,140	1st Jan. 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Morovich	4,213	1st Feb. 1900.
IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,140	1st Mar. 1900

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 600.	Rs. 375.	Rs. 150.

TO TRIESTE, VIA KURRACHEE, ADEN, SUEZ, AND PORT SAID.

Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on or about
VINDOBONA	C. Bilon	4,251	7th Jan., 1900.
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	7th Feb., 1900.
TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	7th March 1900.

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	Saloon.	Deck.
TO TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 375	Rs. 150.

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Steamer.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on or about
TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	22nd Dec., 1899.
FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Nicolich	6,044	7th Jan., 1900.

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TO MARSEILLES DIRECT.
VIA ADEN, SUEZ, AND PORT SAID.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on Tuesday.
ANNAM	6,300	Locoispellier	19th Dec. 1899.
			THURSDAY.
OCEANIEN	4,243	Schmitz	18th Jan. 1900.
CALEDONIAN	4,232	Beucerel	15th Feb. 1900.
INDUS	6,300	Chevalier	15th March 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	12th April 1900.

TO COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, JAVA, SAIGON, TONQUIN, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

S. S. "SALAZIE," 4,255 tons, Captain Allegre to sail on or about the 13th December, 1899. For weekly departures thereafter.

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FOR ADEN, MOMBASSA, ZANZIBAR AND LAMOO.

S. S. "SIRSA," 2,610 tons, on or about 28th December.

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S. S. "NOWSHERA," 3,024 tons, on or about 15th December.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA

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A THREE-WEEKLY direct service has been started from Calcutta to Manila, calling at Rangoon, Penang and Singapore. Rates for Passengers and Cargo and dates of sailing can be obtained from the Undersigned.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Bombay, 12th December, 1899.

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1st Class, Rs. 550. 2nd Class, Rs. 325. 3rd Class, Rs. 150.

RETURN TICKETS. 1st Class. 2nd Class.

		1st Class.	2nd Class.
Available for ..	4 months	Rs. 825	Rs. 500
	6 "	" 880	" 525
	9 "	" 935	" 550
	12 "	" 1,000	" 600

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PASSENGERS met at Railway Stations and conducted on Board or to Hotels.
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NOTICES.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S S. N. CO.

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THE STATEMENTS have been received. CONSIGNEES are requested to produce the DEPOSIT RECEIPTS duly stamped and endorsed, and, on receipt of the same, the Undersigned will REFUND the surplus amounts as shown in the statements.

C. SCARPA, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. NEVILLE EDWARD MALTASS, is authorized to sign the name of our FIRM from THIS DATE.

C. H. B. FORBES & Co.
Bombay, December 11th, 1899.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

BETWEEN 15 December and 15 January, the Undersigned will be glad to issue TICKETS to KARACHI and BACK at the following REDUCED RATES:—

1ST CLASS RETURN, Rs. 60.
2ND CLASS RETURN, Rs. 30.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & Co.,
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SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TICKETS.

FIRST and SECOND Class Tickets will be issued between any two Stations or Junctions at a single fare for the double journey during the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. These Tickets must be purchased and the outward journey BEGUN on any day between the 14th of December, 1899, and the end of the month and the RETURN journey must be COMPLETED before the 14th of January 1900.

NEVILLE PRIESTLEY,
Traffic Manager.
Traffic Manager's Office, Dharwar, 5th December 1899.

BENGAL-NAGPUR RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADDENDA TO NOTICE, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1899

WITH reference to advertisement, calling for Tender for SUPPLY of STORES to this Railway, for 1900-1901. The tenders will be opened by the Agent and Chief Engineer at his office, 12, Garden Reach Road, Calcutta, on Wednesday, 3rd January, not WEDNESDAY, 31st January, as stated.

By Order,
D. B. CRITCHLEY,
Chief Storekeeper.
Nagpur, C.P., 2nd December, 1899.

BOMBAY EXTRA MEETINGS

COMMENCING SATURDAY, 9TH DEC., 1899.

SUBSCRIPTION for the FULL SEASON of EXTRA MEETINGS is as follows:—

Season Ticket, admitting to Grand Stand and Enclosure	Rs. 25
Season Ticket for Private Paddock	" 10

Above includes transferable tickets admitting 2 ladies free.
The charge for Day Tickets will be:—

Grand Stand and Enclosure	Rs. 5
Private Paddock	" 1

Including free admittance 1 Lady.
Application for Tickets should be made to

THE SECRETARY,
W. I. T. C., Byculla Club.
Bombay, 5th December, 1899.

NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SECUNDERABAD.

SUIT No. 85-4285, 98, of BOMBAY SMALL CAUSE COURT.

NOOR MAHOMED CASSUM.....Plaintiff.
ALLARAKHA KAMMOO .....Defendant.

WHEREAS the Judgment Debtor ALLARAKHA KAMMOO has applied to be declared Insolvent under Section 344 C. P. C.

This is to give notice to all his creditors to appear before the Court on the 23rd day of December, 1899, either in person or by a pleader of this Court or Agent duly authorized and instructed to show cause, if any, why his application should not be granted.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 5th day of December, 1899.

MANECKSHAH RATTANJEE DUSTOOR,
District Judge.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY to the Army Clothing Department, Bengal, during the year 1900-1901, or the following articles:—

1. Cloths Serges, Flannels Putties, White and Khaki Drill, Grey Cotton, Cotton Twill, Khaki, Cotton Braid and Webbing, &c. These materials are required to be of BONA FIDE local manufacture.
2. Gold Laces, Cords, Badges, &c.
3. Leather Articles, such as Boots, Shoes, Sparstraps, &c.
4. Miscellaneous Stores, such as Coal, Spindle and Rangoon Oil, Rope, Tar, Packing canvas.
5. Helmets with Khaki Drill Covers and Zinc Buttons.
6. Making of Haversacks.
7. Supply of Country Bullock Carts for the conveyance of Government Stores from the Army Clothing Department Alipore, to places in Calcutta and its vicinity.
8. Purchase of Cloth Cuttings, Sweepings, Old Packing Materials Hoop Iron and Waste Paper.

Tenders will be opened on the 4th of January, 1900. Any further information and forms of tenders can be obtained. The sealed patterns inspected at the Army Clothing Factory, Alipore.

P. A. BUCKLAND, LIEUT.-COL.,
Superintendent, Army Clothing, Bengal,
Army Clothing Department, Bengal, Alipore, Calcutta, the 25th November, 1899.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the contracts for the MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF COUNTRY SPIRIT in the areas mentioned below of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for one year from the 1st April, 1900, under the Madras Contract Distillery system which is now in force.

2 Full particulars of the other conditions under which tenders may be made and under which the contracts will be granted, can be obtained on application to the Inspector General of Excise, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, Amraoti Camp.

3. No tenders will be received after noon on the 1st February, 1900.

4. The contract areas are as follows:—

(a) ELLICHPUR DISTILLERY AREA.

Ellichpur District—2,623 square miles with a population at the last census of 315,795.
Amraoti District—2,759 square miles; population 655,645.

(b) AKOLA DISTILLERY AREA.

Akola District—2,659 square miles; population 574,782.
Malkapur Taluq (of the Buldana District)—791 square miles, population 177,877.

R. VERNON GARRETT, MAJOR,
Officiating Inspector General of Excise, H. A. D.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY, COMPANY.

SUPPLY OF KEROSINE OIL IN TINS, OR REFINED PETROLEUM.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Agent of this Railway, at his office, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, up to 1 p.m., (Gun-fire) on WEDNESDAY, the 13th December, 1899, for the supply of above in such quantities as may be required on order from time to time, during the period of twelve months, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1900.

CONDITIONS—Binding in terms of Contract.
QUANTITY—17,000 cases required.
QUALITY—Russian Oil warranted not less than 125° fire test.
QUALITY—American Oil warranted not less than 150° fire test.
QUALITY—American Oil warranted not less than 125° fire test.

TENDERS—These must be made out on the Company's printed forms, which can be had on application to the undersigned at his office.
DEPOSIT—Rs. 1,500 (one thousand and five hundred rupees) must accompany each Tender as a guarantee of good faith in due fulfilment of Contract.
The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

G. R. WEBB,
General Storekeeper.
General Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, Parel, 8th December, 1899.

VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, BOMBAY.

NEW CLASSES at the Institute OPEN on the 8TH JANUARY, 1900. Students are particularly advised to join at the commencement of the Session.
Programme giving full particulars can be obtained from the Principal on payment of 4 annas.

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The course of instruction lasts for three years and embraces the following.
MAKING, WORKING, DRAWINGS of various parts of Machines.
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The course of instruction lasts for three years and includes:—
PRACTICAL WORK on the Machines in actual use in Cotton.
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DOYEN & Co.'s EXTRA DRY, per doz.	65 0	35 0	73 0	39 0
GIESLER'S "FOR INDIA" BRAND, per doz.	76 0	40 0	85 0	44 8
HEIDSIECK'S DRY MONOPOLE, per doz.	77 0	41 0	86 0	46 0
PERRIER JOUET'S "FINEST DRY," per doz.	70 0	37 8	78 0	42 0
do "RESERVE CUVEE," per doz.	75 0	40 0	84 0	44 8
POMMERY and GRENO'S EXTRA SEC, per doz.	78 0	42 0	87 0	47 0
SUPERIOR SPARKLING SAUMUR, per doz.	39 0	21 8	43 8	24 12

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TREACHER & CO., have given much attention to the selection of these wines, which are shipped direct by the above celebrated firm, a sufficient indication of their very superior quality.

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
SUPERIOR OLD PORT.—This our well-known "Invalid's Port," so generally prescribed and recommended by the Medical profession, is a superior Dessert Wine of fine bouquet and character, per doz.	40 0	21 8	44 8	24 12
FINE OLD PORT.—Of good body and flavour; it is a wholesome, nutritious wine, thoroughly matured previous to being botsled, per doz	27 0	14 8	30 0	16 4
OLD PORT.—A rich and fruity wine of moderate price, per doz.	22 8	...	25 0	...
WHITE PORT or VINO BIANCO, per doz	30 0	...	33 8	...
" " STONES BLACK CAPSULE, per doz	45 0	...	50 0	...
" " " GREEN " " "	32 0	...	36 0	...

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FROM GONZALEZ, BYASS & CO.

These are selected and matured on the spot and shipped through this well-known firm, who have obtained a world-wide reputation for high character and superior quality of their Wines.
The following selection will be found specially suited to the taste and requirements of residents in India:—

	Ordinary Rates. Per dozen. Rs. a.	Rs. a.
AMONTILLADO—A Genuine "Natural Sherry, of Superior quality, very old and choice, one of the driest of the Xerez Wines, per doz.	45 0	50 0
MANZANILLA.—Dry, of a fine straw colour, and unsurpassed for delicacy and purity; it is a perfect "San Lucar" Wine, of full flavour and firmness, per doz	31 0	34 0
GOLDEN SHERRY.—Rich, nutty-flavoured Dessert Wine, much admired, per doz.	32 8	36 8
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COTE'S Sr. EULALIE, per doz.	11 0	6 0	12 4	6 12
Sr. JULIEN MEDOC, "fine flavour and body, in great demand," per doz.	12 0	7 0	13 8	7 14
BORDEAUX "a favourite wine from the district of Bordeaux," per doz.	12 0	7 0	13 8	7 14
PETIT MEDOC, "possess body with pleasing flavour," per doz.	15 0	8 4	16 12	9 4
SUPERIOR MEDOC, "full-bodied, of high character and flavour," per doz.	18 0	10 0	20 0	11 4
CHATEAU LAGRANGE, "soft and delicate, with fine flavour," per doz.	26 0	14 0	29 0	15 12
GRAVES (White Bordeaux), per doz	20 8	12 8	23 0	14 0
SUPERIOR AFTER-DINNER WINES.				
CHATEAU LAROSE, "extremely delicate, with exquisite flavour and bouquet," per doz	34 0	20 8	38 0	23 0
CHATEAU MARGAUX, "exceedingly choice, with great fragrance and delicate bouquet," per doz	41 8	23 0	46 8	26 0

BURGUNDY—STILL—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
CHAMBERTIN, a rich Burgundy of selected vintage, per doz.	43 0	22 8	48 0	25 0
POMARD, per doz.	25 0	13 12	28 0	15 8
MACON, possessed of fine flavour and aroma, per doz.	23 0	12 12	26 0	14 4
BEAUNE, a full-bodied Burgundy, per doz.	28 8	15 12	32 0	17 8
CHABLIS, a full-flavoured white Burgundy, per doz.	27 0	15 0	30 0	16 10

SPARKLING BURGUNDY—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
RICH SPARKLING RED, very choice Dessert Wine, per doz.	30 8		34 0	

AUSTRALIAN WINES—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
HERMITAGE, per doz	20 0	11 8	23 8	13 0
CLARET, No. 1. "	22 8	12 8	25 0	14 0

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THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, AT 6 P.M.,
GRAND EXHIBITION
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EDISON'S PROJECTING KINETOSCOPE.
W. TREVOR,
BUSINESS MANAGER.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo arrived per S. S. "SALAZIE," from MARSEILLES, &c., are hereby informed that she is landing her Cargo, in the Victoria Dock, Shed No. 2. All claims for Damages, &c., must be sent in the Office within eight days after the discharge of Cargo, otherwise they will not be entertained. Goods on Survey will be attended to every morning.

C. RUINAT,
Agent.

Bombay, 12th December, 1899.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per S. S. "MARQUIS BACQUEHEM," from TRIESTE and INTERMEDIATE PORTS, are hereby informed of the Vessel's arrival, and requested to take immediate DELIVERY of their GOODS landed at the VICTORIA DOCK, No. 4.

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TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 14TH 1899, AT 9 P.M.
Under the patronage and in the presence of His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. T. DALHOFF, S. J., ARCHBISHOP OF BOMBAY.
SIGNOR SCRINZI'S
GRAND VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL
CONCERT.

The whole net proceeds to be given in aid of St. Joseph's Foundling Home.
(On the occasion of the 25th anniversary from its foundation.)

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Orchestra.....Overture Rosamunde.....Schubert. BAND OF THE NORFOLK REGIMENT.
2. Piano Solo...Moonlight Sonata .....Beethoven. SIGNOR SCRINZI.
3. Cornet Solo. .....Preghiera by Tosti. A RHENIUS.
4. Song.....Aric des Pagon aus Figaro...Mozart. MADAME SCHULTZ.
5. Piano Solo...(a) Paysage (etude d'execution transcendante).....Liszt.
   (b) Album on Miniature .....Van Vesterhout.
   (c) Hugarian Dance in F. Major .....Brahms.
6. Recitation... .....
   DR. J. POLLEN.
7. Piano Solo...Geine Rhapsodie Homatoise ...Liszt. SIGNOR SCRINZI.

PART II.

Piano Solo ...(a) Lied ohne Worte in F. Major .....Mendelssohn.
(b) To the Spring.....Grieg.
(c) Menuet op. 14.....Paderewski.
(d) Aufschwung.....Schumann. SIGNOR SCRINZI.

2. Song... .....On Conway Quay.....Trotere. MR. H. HARRINGTON.
3. Violin Solo...Souvenir de Moscou .....Wieniawski. MR. F. ANDERSON.
4. Piano Solo'...Ballade in A§ .....Chopin. SIGNOR SCRINZI.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

SALE of the late Captain A. C. Clark's niture, wearing apparel, books, etc., at the White House, Merewether Road, Apollo Reclamation, will be resumed TO-DAY at 1 p.m., from lot No. 273.

GRAND AUCTION SALE OF JAPANESE CURIOSITIES WITHOUT RESERVE.

A good opportunity to secure Christmas presents and for drawing room decorations.

On FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Apollo Street, Fort, the following large collection of choice Japanese curiosities and porcelain ware from the celebrated manufacturers, Messrs. T. Mourata and Co., consisting of large and small drawing room, cabinets, with writing desks and jewel cases, folding screens, chairs, tables inlaid panels, representing beautiful scenerics, desks, albums, photo frames, trays, table ornaments, flower vases, flower pots, jardiniers, satin table covers, and wall screens, and ivory curios.

Catalogues are published, and the goods are on view.

On SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Apollo Street, Fort, opposite the Old Secretariat Building, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, such as dinning table, chairs, dumbwaiter, drawing room, suit of sofas and chairs, marble top table, cabinets, chiffoenirs, writing tables, easy chairs, single and double mirror door almyras, clothes press, five handsome double bedsteads, dressing and wash-hand tables, iron safe, English ice box, lamps, table ornaments, etc.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view, this afternoon.

On SUNDAY, the 17th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Matarpacady, Mazagon, the valuable and neat substantial carved and plain blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plateware, crockery and glassware, mahogany grand square piano by S. Rose and Co., ebonized upright model piano by S. Rose and Co., both in splendid order, Reppengolle's cooking stove, table ornaments, lamps, pictures, Brussels carpets, carved blackwood, double bedstead, office shigram, horse and harness, &c., the property of the late N.Da Ga, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.
SALE OF VALUABLE LARGE GARDEN AND GARDEN FURNITURE.

On TUESDAY the 19th instant, at 7 a.m., Messrs CRAWFORD, and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Altamont Road, Cumballa Hill, a large collection of choice and rare plants, such as palms, ferns, rare cactus, stephanotis roses, marble and bronze large size garden vases, iron benches, chairs, hoopoys, pigeots, mastiff suit, crane etc., the property of the late KAVASJEE DADY LIMJEE Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the plants will be on view, 4 days before the sale.

On WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Mazagon, opposite the Post office, the valuable and neat blackwood and teakwood household furniture, best plateware crockery and glassware, mahogany Cottage piano by Rose in good order, nearly new, foot sewing machine, table ornaments, lamps, picture, Brussels carpets, Micads billiard table, garden pots with plants, &c., the property or F. S. Punnet, Esq., proceeded to England.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view, three days before the sale.

SALE OF GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS,

Under instructions from the Administrator General, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at 2 p.m., the effects of the late Janardhun Narayen Ranade, consisting of—

Gold ornaments, called thoosi ekdani, patli, fool, moogrus, javmal, mangoi rings, vajartik, tatia gatli, tait pear, ear rings, balli, &c., and silver kuddas and ornaments and silver vessles. The effect of the late Vithaldas Gooulias, consisting of gold earring, ring, buttons, kuddas, pochi armlet, necklace, gold pices, silver buttons, etc.

The property will be on view, three days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.
Bombay, 13th December, 1899.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF SOLID SILVER WARE.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. BENNATT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, the property of a deceased Jew lady, consisting of silver spoons and forks, coffee pots, coffee cups, rose water bottles, sormadani, tea strainer, wine labels, powder boxes, salt cellars, tumbler covers, iron safe, also gold bi-cocher, earings, bracelets, &c.

The above is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS, SWEEPINGS, &c. AT THE G. I. P. RAILWAY, WARI BUNDER, GOODS DEPOT.

In accordance with Sections 55, 56 of Railway Act IX. o 1890, under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Company Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, sell by Public Auction, at the above mentioned place, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 2 p.m., a quantity of unclaimed goods, wheat and other grain in bags, waste papers in coers, grain sweepings in heap and sundry other articles, &c.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED AND INTESTATE PROPERTIES.

Under instruction from the Commissioner of Police, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th instant, at 2 p.m., each day, sell by Public Auction at the police Commissioner's office, opposite the Crawford Market.

A quantity of unclaimed intestate and other property. A deposit of 25 per cent, will be required at the time of sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, the remaining surplus stock of R. Ditmar, consisting of a variety of handsome plain, gilt, bronzed, hanging and telescopic floor lamps, 2, 3, 4, and 5 lights chandeliers, also a superb collection of table ornaments, papiermachi tables, enamelled cups and saucers, etc., etc.

Also a large consignment of sample goods, consisting of very handsome large size drawing-room carpets, rugs, velvet pile table covers, hand bags, magic lanterns, time-pieces, watches, cigar and cigarette holders, lanterns, ladies' and gentlemen's belts, pocket purses, hair brushes, with leather cases, violins &c.

The above is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, &c,

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong victoria in very good order,
1 strong-built dog-cart in good order,
1 second hand mail phaeton in good order,
1 cheetal-nut arab, quiet, in harness,
1 grey pony, quiet in harness and saddle,
3 tran new ladies bicycles fitted with Dunlop pneumatic tyres by Hobart, Palmer's and new Beeston,
1 English built rubber tyred gig by Windover with bay waler gelding and harness complete in serviceable order,
1 second-hand Gent's bicycle by Sterling, in very good order.

AUCTION SALE OF WALERS.

A good opportunity to secure first-class horses at a cheap rate.

Under instructions from Messrs. Cavanagh and Martin, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3-30 p.m., sell by public Auction, at Messrs. R. Scott and Co.'s stables, Bellasis Road, Byculla, to the highest bidder, a splendid batch of 29 newly imported walers, comprising some thorough-bred pairs and single harness horses, also chargers and thoroughbreds and racers, cobs, ponies, &c., all in splendid condition.

The above will be on view, 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LAN DED PROPERTY AT CLARE ROAD, BYCULLA.

On SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will, sell by public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagees and on account and risk of the mortgagor, Mr. Manockjee Eduljee Contractor, the following property:—

All that pieces of land forming a part and parcel of the premises comprised in, and demised by, and indenture of under lease of the 2nd day of December, 1896, together with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate lying and being on the west side of Clare Road, Byculla, without out the Fort of Bombay, and in the Registration district and sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 229 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on or towards the north, south, and west by the property of the mortgagor, and on or towards the east by the Clare Road aforesaid, on which said premises are registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, together with the other premises, under old No. 25 new No. B 16251, old Survey No. 676, new Survey Nos. 1 B 2368 and 10 8538, and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward No.—and Street No.—and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the mortgagor.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.
Bombay, 13th December, 1899.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF OLD STORES, SHIP'S FURNITURE, FITTINGS, BOATS, &c., &c.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 p.m., in the P. and O. S. N. Co.'s Dockyard, Mazagon.

A quantity of old stores, ship's requisities, fittings, &c., consisting, of old canvas sails, canvas cuttings, old maps, old ropes, scrap brass, copper, lead, and old iron chains, wooden fittings, cabin doors and benches, broken glass and crockeryware, boats, Europe rope, brass fittings, knives, carpets, mahogany sideboards, marble slabs, and miscellaneous other articles.

Purchasers will have to pay Customs duty, etc., and clear the goods within ten days from the date of auction.

MENESSE & Co.
Bombay, 13th December, 1899.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Scale for these Advertisements is as follows:—Not exceeding 3 lines, Re. 1, each succeeding line, As. 8. No Trade Advertisements are admitted under this Scale.

THE INDIAN EDITION of The New Premier Cycle Co.'s HELICAL TUBE BICYCLES can now be obtained, post free, on application to the Sole Agents,—MARCKS and Co., Ltd., Bombay and Poona.

COMPOUND NERVINE ELIXIR, one of the most powerful Tonics made, contains Coca, Damiana, Phosphorous and Nux Vomica. A sure remedy for Nervous Debility. Price Re. 2-8 per bottle.—THOMSON and TAYLOR, 35, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

XMAS PRESENTS.—A Large and Varied Collection of JEWELLERY is now ON VIEW at B. NUSSERWANJI and Co.'s NEW PREMISES, No. 34, Church Gate Street, opposite Vienna Confectionery.

OUR NEW SEASON'S SILK TIES have arrived. Every variety in Made-up Bows, Club Silk Ties for tying in Bow—Bandanna Handkerchief Scarfs, Rich Silk, Wide End Scarfs. Early inspection invited. ASQUITH & LORD, Apollo Street.

100 RUPEES PRIZE.—Open to every body, nothing to pay. Apply for terms to the SINGER MANUFACTURING Co., 5, Church Gate Street, Bombay.

XMAS TREE HOLDERS will do well to see our varied STOCK of XMAS TOYS and PRESENTS suitable for all ages at Cheapest Prices.—SHROFF BROTHERS.

A CERTIFICATE of THIRD CLASS ENGINEER, No. 659, granted in 1896, IS LOST; if any body got the same please produce it; a REWARD will be given.—JEEVUN DAYARAM, Lohar Chawl.

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TO BE LET.—TIVOLI THEATRE from Febenary, 1900. For further particulars, apply to Mr. VITHALDAS KHETSEY MOOLJEE JETHA, Kapad Market.

TO BE LET.—Furnished BUNGALOW at MATHERAN.—Apply to MUKHI CASSAMBHAI MOOSA, Manager to H. H. Sir Aga Khan, Jail Road.

£2,000,000 POLICIES were issued by the STANDARD in 1898 being the largest amount in the History of the Company.—Apply STANDARD LIFE OFFICE, Bombay.

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TIRED OF LIFE.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at Naraven Dharo Street, Chuckla, regarding the death of Baloo Ganoo, a labourer, aged about forty years. The deceased worked in a shop belonging to a furniture-dealer and lived in his master's shop. For the last three months he was found suffering from diarrhœa, and was tired of life. On the morning of the 11th instant, he was found missing from the shop. A search was made for him, and his body was recovered from a well near the shop. A verdict of suicide was returned by the jury.

THE GOVERNOR'S BAND.—His Excellency the Governor's Band will play at St. George's Hospital, to-day (Wednesday), from 4-30 to 7-30 p.m. The following is the programme:—

Bal Costume.....	Royal Tambour	Rubinstein
Valse	Le retour du Printemps...	Waldteufel
Characteristick...	Das Kendel	Eilenberg
Bal Costume.....	Pecheur Neapolitain	Rubinstein
Selection.....	A Runaway Girl	Caryll
Valse	Reminiscences of Aumeis.	Worm
Selection.....	Lohengrin	Wagner
Csardas	Vegso Szerelem	Gungl
Ka Sourilina	Waltz	Tellam
Serenade	Traumerei	Schumann
Valse	Ensueno Soluctor	Rosas

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

KINETOSCOPE EXHIBITION.—As will be seen from an advertisement in the usual columns, this novel performance is to be given again at 6 p.m., to-day, at the Tivoli Theatre. This is the seventh occasion that it is to be repeated, and from the fact of its generally drawing crowded houses, it appears it has gained great favour with the theatre-going public, both European and Natives. Some 25 films are usually shown out of which "Man and the Monkey," "The Wrestlers," "Woman wins," "Children at tea quarreling," "Love is blind" and such extremely humorous ones are largely applauded and much admired. Altogether the show is one worth a visit and families and children seem to enjoy it immensely. It is a pleasant pastime of an evening agreeably spent and well repays the money spent after it.

ALLEGED FRAUD BY A CART DRIVER.—Ambalal Hurgovindas, a commission agent, has made a report to the police that on Saturday last he loaded nine carts, each with eight bags of rice, from a godown on Mahim Road, and directed the carts-men to take them to the B, B, and C. I. Railway goods shed, at Carnac Bunder. On the following morning it was discovered that all the carts had reached the destination and unloaded the bags entrusted to them except one, which was missing. The driver of the cart produced his metal badge to the complainant when his cart was being loaded. The police enquiries show that the owner of the cart had about a month ago reported the loss of his metal badge. As the cart-man with the cart in question, did not take care to see if the missing cart had a tin plate number on, it is probable that some other cart, without a plate, was used by the driver. The value of the bags in the missing cart is Rs. 80.

CAUSING HURT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Constable Chanbra charged Ali Mahomed, Gedi Haval, Kura Mushood, Yauf Mahomed, Samanda Ali, Tobley Usuf and Ismail Hussen with causing hurt to one Mahomed Momin Saman, a Kalasi. The evidence showed that on Monday morning, between 9-30, the complainant was painting his boat at Stone Bunder, when he saw a number of Arabs and Somalis going up to a tindal of another boat and asking him to take them on their bughow. The tindal having refused to comply with their request, they prepared to assault him, upon which he jumped out of his boat and ran towards complainant's boat for protection. The Arabs then pursued him with sticks and stones in their hands, pelted stones at the two men, and subsequently assaulted them with sticks. The complainant was severely wounded on the head and leg and was removed to hospital for treatment. The tindal was also injured. The magistrate fined the first and third accused Rs. 15 each, the second and fourth Rs. 5 each, and the last Rs. 10 each.

CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING A MARRIED GIRL.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Walker charged Hiralal Lukhmidas and Poonja Bhudra with kidnapping Kabribai, wife of Vrijbhukandas Kurondas, from the lawful guardianship of her husband, and with stealing gold bangles of the value of Rs. 125. Mr. Scaly, pleader, prosecuted; while Mr. De Souza, pleader, defended the first accused. The case for the prosecution was that the girl was induced to leave her husband's house at Bhoiwada, on the night of the 7th instant, and they passed that night in the room of Poonja, at Moti Bazaar. On the following morning they went to Dadar in a rekla, where they arranged for a room. Hiralal remained there with the girl and Poonja left them. On Monday afternoon the police found the couple in a chawl at Dadar. Before going to Dadar Hiralal persuaded the girl to part with her pair of gold bangles, which were afterwards pledged by Poonja to one Motilal Jivraj for Rs. 25. The bangles were recovered by the police. Further hearing of the case was adjourned.

A MADRAS DIVORCE SUIT.

THIS was a petition presented by the husband, Mr. Thomas Langan, a Government inspector of schools in the Presidency of Madras, praying for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife on the ground of her alleged misconduct with the co-respondent, who held an appointment in the General Post Office. There was no defence. The parties were married at Boston, in Lincolnshire, in 1880, and they afterwards went to India. They lived happily until 1890, when the respondent, having read some books on the emancipation of women, declined to continue to cohabit with the petitioner. He, thinking that she was not in good health, sent her and the children to England. He returned to England on leave, and visited her at her residence at Hammersmith. He had no suspicion of anything wrong on the part of the respondent. On his return to India he received letters from the respondent, in which she stated that she refused to recognise any bond of marriage but the bond of love, and that she was living in open adultery with co-respondent. On that the petitioner obtained leave, and on his arrival in England he instituted the present suit. Evidence was given to prove the cohabitation of the respondent and co-respondent at Chiswick, and the judge granted a decree nisi, with costs. He also gave the petitioner the custody of the children.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths, from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Southern, Fort Northern and Esplanade	6	0	9
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	10	2	32
C Market, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	6	4	38
D Kamathipura, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi.....	1	0	15
E Mazagon, Tarawali, 2nd Nagpada, Ramatipura, Pardesi, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	2	4	45
F Parel, Sewree and Sion.....	2	0	10
G Mahim and Worlee.....	1	1	11
Water Division.....	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown...	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	11	26
Total.....	28	22	186
Total plague deaths to date ..	60,982	53,209	
Same date last year.....	2	17	111

DAMAUN.

The Health Officer of the District of Damaun has now published his plague report for the month of November last showing that during the last month there were 4 attacks and 3 deaths from plague at Varkound, 5 attacks and 6 deaths at Upper Damaun outside the Fort, and 1 attack terminating in death at Kharowadi.

THE assurances given in the Hungarian Parliament by the Premier and the Minister of Finance as to the safety of the Ausgleich arrangement and their confidence in the good intentions and ability of the Austrian cabinet to carry it into effect in spite of the difficulties that have just arisen must be doubly welcome, says the correspondent, to all who desire the maintenance of the dual system.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

A LEPER'S DAUGHTER.

IMPERATRIX VS. SHIDRAMA BIN CHANDAPPA AND SAKRYA BIN MARIAPPA.

THE two accused appealed from a decision of Mr. B. C. Kennedy, Additional Sessions Judge of Bijapur, who, in November last, found them guilty of murder and sentenced No. 1 to death and No. 2 to transportation for life. Mr. Shamrao Vithal appeared for the accused, and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The two accused were charged with murder in intentionally causing the death of Hanmanta Bhimappa in the district of Bijapur on the 7th August last. The story of the prosecution was that the deceased, who was a leprous person, had a daughter named Gungawa, who, by reason of her husband declining to live with her on account of the leprosy of her family, made her own arrangements and was the mistress of accused No. 1. The deceased, her father, interfered and forbade No. 1 coming to the house. The latter, being irritated at this, waited his opportunity, and lying in wait for deceased with a friend, as deceased was going to the village of Asky to make some purchases, attacked and brutally murdered him. The evidence left no doubt that the deceased was violently killed, that he was probably first beaten with an axe, and then put to death by strangling and other injuries. The accused had made confessions, in which they gave inter-consistent accounts of how they had committed the murder and their motive for doing so. Under the circumstances as to the cause of enmity tallied with the evidence of Gangawa to a certain extent. Both agreed that the cause of crime was the improper connection subsisting between Gangawa and accused No. 1, and the obstruction caused by the deceased; but as might be expected, said the Sessions Judge, the accused alleged that the intimacy was still subsisting and that the woman urged him to slaughter deceased in order that that might be thoroughly removed, while Gangawa asserted that she had abandoned her lover, who hoped to get her again if the father was removed. The murder took place in broad daylight close to the road. It was most likely that more than one would see the murder or the murderers at the spot shortly before or after the offence. The story of some of the witnesses tallied exactly with the confessions, especially as to the murderers allowing the deceased to cross the bulla and proceed some way in the direction of Hosballi before they followed and killed him. The accused had with him, when he left for his village, certain articles of female attire. These were not found with the body, but were produced by the accused, some of them in the hand and some from the house of accused No. 2. The first accused was sentenced to death, and the second to transportation for life.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the circumstances, confirmed the sentence of death and dismissed the appeals of both the accused.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CROWE.)

A CLAIM FOR PIECE-GOODS.

JAMNADAS TRIBHOWANDAS AND OTHERS VS. U. M. MAHOMED GUNNY.

THE plaintiffs in this case claimed to recover the sum of Rs. 5,105-2-0 with interest and costs. Mr. D. D. Davar, instructed by Mr. Madhavjee Virji, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendants did not appear. The plaintiffs and defendants had carried on business as cloth merchants in Bombay, and business transactions had taken place between them down to 1897, when the defendants, on account of the plague, had closed their premises and had left Bombay for Tinnevelly, where they had been served with summonses. At the time they left, they owed a large sum to the plaintiffs for goods supplied. Since then they had made two payments, the suit being instituted to recover the balance due. The plaintiffs having given evidence in support of their claim, his lordship gave a decree for the amount claimed with interest and costs.

WITHDRAWAL OF REGULAR TROOPS IN THE KHYBER.

By January 1st there will no longer be any garrison of regular troops in the Khyber, the force now under command of Colonel Neville Chamberlain being withdrawn in the course of the next three weeks. For two years the Pass has been held, the reoccupation of Ali Masjid and Landi Kotal following quickly on the Tirah expedition. At that time the Khyber Rifles had practically ceased to exist, though a considerable number of the sepoys had remained loyal during the fanatical disturbances of 1897. The re-organisation of the corps into two battalions, each commanded by a small number of British officers, has taken time, the men having to be carefully selected, and due attention paid to the claims of the various clans to furnish recruits. Now we have, once again, a fine body of men, numbering 1,124 rifles, which is capable of keeping open the Pass, and provide safe passage for the caravans moving to and from Kabul. Many of them are familiar with their duties, and the work entrusted to the Rifles is likely to be well done. They will garrison the fortified posts at Landi Kotal and Jamrud, with detachments at other points, while their increased numbers will permit of a reserve being always available in case of trouble on the part of any malcontents. The arrangement, it can safely be welcomed by the Pass Afridis particularly for the pay of the sepoys enlisted amounts to a big sum in the year. The fanatical spirit which existed in 1897-98 has died out, and the tribesmen have realised that Government dealt generously with them when the war was over.

It was necessary, says the "Pioneer," to hold the Khyber until the new corps of Rifles could be raised; but now our regular regiments can safely be withdrawn. All that is wanted is that the Pass shall remain open, the safe passage of traders and travellers being assured, while at the same time, the military road to Landi Kotal is maintained in good condition, as to which we greatly improved during the past two years, while the defences of the Pass have also been made stronger in every way. In case of any revival of fanaticism hereafter, there will be no question of abandoning the Khyber and leaving the Rifles to the mercies of their kinsmen. If tribal *lashkars* assemble the corps with its British officers will be ready to check any sudden raid, while the Peshawar garrison will have its movable column ready to move forward at the shortest notice. There will be none of the old policy of expediency or waiting upon the turn of events: the fixed policy of the Government and their military advisers is that the Khyber line of communication must be maintained at all costs. The abandonment of the Pass in 1897 had far-reaching consequences, both the Afridis and their neighbours, the Orakzais being tempted to combine in one great rising after their easy capture of Fort Maude. All Masjid and Landi Kotal experience, gained in 1897 will effectually prevent any repetition of the events which led to the costly Tirah campaign.

EXCITING SCENE AT DOVER.

A VERY exciting scene was witnessed in the Straits of Dover on Saturday night, Nov. 18, through the presence of the burning Hamburg-American liner Patria, which had been towed down from the North Sea by the German tug Hansa, assisted by other vessels. Captain Frohlich, the commander of the liner, stuck to his ship in the most heroic and determined manner. Having had to abandon her in the North Sea, he and his crew were landed at Cuxhaven, but he was no sooner ashore than he took his company's tug and went in search of the burning ship, which he ultimately fell in with. It was while an attempt was being made to tow the Patria across the English Channel on Saturday night to Dunkirk that the burning ship was seen from Dover in the darkness of the night. Captain Iron, the harbour master, at once hailed the Dover harbour tug Lady Vita, and proceeded in the direction in which the vessel was seen. According to the story of an eyewitness on board the tug the scene was a very exciting one.

The Patria was first seen with about twelve miles from Dover. The appearance of the vessel was one not to be forgotten. It was one of the most hopeless examples of a ship on fire at sea that could well be imagined. The main deck, which is a comparatively new steel, having been built in 1894, was ablaze from stem to stern—ahuge, floating furnace, seething and spitting forth tongues of fire, which shot up and illuminated the dense volumes of black smoke which were continuously rising from the vessel. The effect of this at night was most striking and dramatic. It was impossible to get anywhere near the ship, owing to the intense heat, but two German tugs still had hold of her by the bows and were at last in safe shallow water. The other steamers kept about 300 feet away. The Patria had a heavy list over to starboard, caused probably by some of her cargo or machinery shifting. On passing to the port side of the ship her hull was seen to stand high out of the water. A most remarkable sight was presented. The whole side of the ship was in an intense white heat. So intense was the heat that the steel plates were transparent, and one could see the ribs and framework of the ship on the inside of the hull quite distinctly. While the tug was watching the burning vessel from her port side, the side above the water-line suddenly burst open and the flames shot high into the air, and molten metal ran hissing into the sea. The vessel was a mass of fire, the only part of the ship which did not appear to be absolutely at the mercy of the flames being a small space at the forecastle. On going to the starboard side of the vessel, which was the opposite to low in the water, the decks of the ship could be seen, and some idea obtained of the extent of the devastation caused by the fire. The sight was a piteous one. All her deck was burnt out, the metal having no doubt become molten and fallen in. She was a mass of fire fore and aft, and red hot. A more hopeless-looking wreck could not well be imagined. The vessel was a four-masted ship. The two foremasts and her funnel, which appeared to be partly burnt out, were still standing, but the main masts had fallen, and were hanging over her stern. All this time Captain Frohlich was on the tug Hansa anxiously watching the destruction of his ship. Captain Iron directed the Lady Vita to be taken alongside the Hansa, and spoke to the captain. "If you don't want to lose your ship altogether," shouted Captain Iron, "you had better run her on the English coast while she is afloat." Subsequently Captain Iron's advice was taken, and the Patria was towed with the greatest difficulty towards the Downs at Deal. When within about two miles of that shore, off Walmer Castle, at half past nine in the morning, she sank stern first, and with her bows above water for a long time after. The rescuing tug presented an extraordinary sight, immense volumes of steam and smoke continuing to pour forth from the fire out of the ship.

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MEDICAL ASPECTS OF THE BOER WAR.

IT is now abundantly clear that during the South African campaign the medical service, both in the army and civil branches, will have important duties to perform. Hospital ships and a hospital train will shortly be despatched in addition to the resources already available; and although we may still hope that the campaign will be a short one, and the deplorable losses of life on both sides be soon brought to an end, it is evident from the very imperfect medical resources at the disposal of the Boers (says a South African correspondent writing in the "British Medical Journal") that our medical and ambulance departments will have, while the war lasts, to devote a considerable portion of their attention to Boer wounded in addition to attending to our own soldiers.

THE MAUSER AND LEE-METFORD BULLETS.

Judging from the result of the campaign up to the present, and from the nature of the wounds received by our soldiers, it is probable that the great bulk of surgical cases will consist of bullet wounds, and inasmuch as the Mauser bullet used by the Boers is a small hard conical one, which passes out with as little disturbance to surrounding tissues as is produced at the point of entrance, these cases should in the great majority of instances do well whenever the wound is merely one of a limb or limbs; and although thoracic and abdominal wounds will naturally be more serious, their gravity is certainly less than it would be with a Martini-Henry or old pattern bullet. The large proportion of wounded to killed, and the excellent accounts received of the progress of the wounded are both largely due to this peculiarity in the Mauser bullet. In the same way we know from past experience, and also from recent Boer testimony, that the Lee-Metford sporting rifle inflicts a similarly small and clean wound. The Lee-Metford bullet, it is true, is somewhat larger than the Mauser, but the difference is slight, both bullets, when compared with the Martini-Henry, are dimple wounds. The wounds inflicted by the Martini-Henry I have myself had practical experience; there was with this bullet little difficulty in tolling the wound of entrance and the wound of exit, the characteristic features of which are so fully described in the old textbooks. The track of the wound itself also was large and well defined, and the shock, wherever the wound might be, was severe. This was the rifle used by the Boers in the campaign of 1881, and the proportion of killed to wounded then was very much high r than it is to-day.

SHELL WOUNDS: MELINITE AND LYDDITE.

Fortunately for us and for our soldiers the Boer shell, from some peculiarity in its loading or structure, very frequently omits to burst, so that hitherto the losses from artillery fire on our side have not been very numerous, although we usually clear with Lyddite our artillery have inflicted very serious losses upon the Boers. The wounds from bursting shells may be of any degree of severity, but obviously cannot be of so clean a character as those produced by the Mauser bullet. In view of the protests recently made by the Boer general against our use of lyddite, I took the opportunity the other day to obtain the opinion of an artillery officer and a naval commander on the subject, and they had been actively comparing notes and discussing the question. The following is a summary of the information derived from those authorities. Melinite and lyddite, although not absolutely identical are so far allied in composition and the former is largely used in Continental armies. The shells now being used by the Boers in their field guns are, I was assured by the Royal Artillery officer, loaded with melinite. If accurately fired these shells would, if they struck, inflict very severe losses upon our men, but by a fortunate coincidence these shells, although not infrequently directed with accuracy by the German artillerists now serving with the Boers, do not as a rule burst. The shells used in our field artillery are loaded with black powder and shrapnel, and never fail to explode. The only lyddite shells used by us were fired from the naval guns for the first time at Farquhar's Farm on October 30. They are of somewhat large size, and doubtless did great execution, as they called forth General Joubert's protest. In sending this protest, however, the Boer General did not, we understand, send any guarantee that the lyddite was not, as he accidentally kept damp or otherwise inefficient. The difference between a black-powder and a lyddite shell is that fragments of the former must strike a foe in order to inflict injury, whereas mere vicinity to the explosion of the latter is fatal from the terrific concussion which is produced. In this respect it seems to be similar to dynamite. Men or animals killed by the explosion of lyddite have been found in some cases to show no wound whatever.—*St. James's Budget.*

THE AFRICAN TRANS-CONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH LINE.

REUTER'S correspondent at Abercorn (Rhodesia), writing under date Sept. 2, says that the African trans-continental telegraph line is at present only fifteen miles from Abercorn, and twenty-nine miles from Kituta, the south end of Lake Tanganyika. In the present scarcity of labour the chief of the construction, Mr. Fox, does not expect to get this small section of line finished for two or three months.

The route of the telegraph line runs from the Cape to Salisbury, to Umtali, Umtali to Tete, Tete to Blantyre, Blantyre to Zomba (headquarters of the British Central Africa Administration, Mr. Sharpe, C.B., administrator), Zomba to Fort Johnston at south end of Lake Nyassa). Fort Johnston up the west coast of Lake Nyassa to Karonga (north-west of Lake Nyassa and commencement of Stevenson road, the road from Lake Nyassa to Lake Tanganyika), Karonga on more or less along the Stevenson road, marching at the chief stations *en route*. The distance along the road from Karonga to Kituta (lake to lake) is about 220 miles, and the carriage of the material along this road greatly lends to retard the progress of the line. The material comes into the country *via* Chinde—the Zambesi port—and is at once transshipped and carried by shallow draught steamers up the Chinde delta, the Zambesi and Shire rivers, from which point the further path of the Shire River traffic. It is then carried up by natives to Blantyre, a distance of twenty-six miles From Blantyre it is again carried by natives to Matope or Gwaza on the upper Shire River, a distance from Blantyre of thirty-five miles; from Matope or Gwaza, only five miles apart, the material is again put into shallow draft steamers and taken to Fort Johnston; here it is again transhipped on to lake steamers and taken up to Karonga. The only two sections of the country over which the material has to be carried overland are those from Katungas to Matope and Karonga to Kituta, the former some sixty miles and the latter 220 miles distant. The only store at Kituta was burned down to the ground a month ago. It contained goods to the value of 10,000*l*. The Germans are building a steamer on Lake Tanganyika, The Tanganyika Concessions Company are going to put a few carts on the Stevenson road and also a steamer on Lake Tanganyika. The steamer should be out in about three months' time and floated in about nine months. It is mainly for the transport of telegraph materials up the lake.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk to rapid rise of pressure at Lahore and Sirsa, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest in Ceylon. Gradients are steep.

Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been strong at Negapatam and fresh to light elsewhere.

The temperature both maximum and minimum continues steadily above normal in many places. The highest temperature in India was 94° at Surat and the lowest 41° at Cawnpore.

Humidity has increased considerably in Gujarat and at Sirsa, Deihi, Surat, Malegaon, Poona, Ahmednagar, Aurungabad, Sholapur, Belgaum, Mangalore, Calicut, Trichinopoly, Bellary and Negapatam, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in Gujarat, Central India, Rajputana, the Madras Presidency, Mysore, Ceylon and at Akola and Khandwa.

The rainfall during the 24 hours ending 8 A.M. to-day has fallen at Negapatam, 0·55 cents at Trichinopoly and 0·01 cent at Malegaon and Jamnagar.

The isobars indicate that the slight disturbance noticed in yesterday's report is moving slowly in a north-westerly direction, and the weather appears to be slightly unsettled on and off the West Coast between Karachi and Bombay. The disturbance has caused cloudy weather over Gujarat, Central India and Rajputana, where light local rain appears likely. The sea is rough at Madras and Negapatam, and the weather on and off the South Coromandel Coast is slightly unsettled, and there also local showers are likely.

The following was wired by the Simla office yesterday to ports Karachi to Bombay:—

"Weather slightly suspicious off Sind and Kathiawar Coasts, but up to present no definite indications of actual existence of storm; will telegraph again to-morrow."

G. E. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DEC. 12.

Tuesday's barometrical observations show that the pressure has fallen slightly in Bengal and has been steady or has risen elsewhere. The rise has been brisk in the Punjab and slight to brisk in Kathiawar and north of Bombay. A very feeble disturbance is affecting Kathiawar and Lower Sind. Unusually steep gradients continue over the south of the Bay and winds have increased

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In submitting our new Catalogue to the public, which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s.s Terrier, 1,977 tons, Captain G A Kampjard, cleared yesterday for Tuticorin in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s.s Orissa, 3,528 tons, Captain A E Stebbing, cleared yesterday for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s.s Narani, 2,491 tons, Captain J E Sandilands, sailed yesterday for Calcutta, via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's s.s Lalpoora, 2,121 tons, Capt in C Hart, R N R arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon, 2nd December, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's s.s Upada 3,3 2 tons, Captain A S Houghton, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, (30th November,) with a cargo of coal

THE B I S N Co's s.s Warooga, 1,608 tons, Captain H Mc[illegible], cleared yesterday for Calcutta, Rangoon, Moulmein, &c., with a general cargo.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's s.s Marquis Bacquehem, 2741 tons, Captain C Androvich, sailed yesterday, for Calcutta, via Colombo, with the mail bottom cargo.

THE B I S N Co's s.s Pichumba, 514 tons, Captain J Skinner sailed yesterday for Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports with a general cargo and Mr J Gunny, Mr Nasir Abdulla, and 214 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s.s Pemba, 2,6 tons, Captain P H Martyr, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, 9th December, via Kathiawar coast ports with a general cargo, Mr Downing, one woman and child, and 191 deck passengers.

THE s.s Apollo, 2,129 tons, Capt in C W Pickthorn, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, 1st December, with a cargo of coal. During the voyage she experienced moderate N E monsoon in the Bay of Bengal and from thence fine weather.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DEC. 12

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Sutlej		Weston			P & O Co
Unity	830	Hewen			Bombay Co
Boddam	2143	Croft			M M & Co
Plotina	2049	Chapman			M M & Co
Bengal	1677		Portuguese Gun Boat		
Chusan	2502	Street			P & O Co
Terrier	1908	Canjard			K & Co
Ulysses	1229	Rejmers			Bombay Co
Uganda	3450	Black			M M & Co
Nowshera	1961	Stone	Zanzibar		M M & Co
Warora	1614	Nicholson			F Morel on & Co
Dumra	762	Rus ell			M M & Co
H M S Capeing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Investigator		Harding			H M S
Apollo	2129	Pickthorn			
H M S Racoon		He ot			Royal Navy
P Stewart		Tindall			I G T S

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 12.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
C	Mittra	2385	Macintyre	Calcutta	16-12	M M & Co
D	Orissa	3525	Stebbing		12-12	M M & Co
K	Arethusa sp	1198	Wilson	Calcutta	W R & A G & Co	
L	Indrarat	811	Adams			Shred & Co
P	Obra	3196	Brown	Rangoon	14-12	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Kaveri	593	Ahmed	Bhownagar	12-12	Shped & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents
1	Bengal	2751	Barcham	China	23-12	P & O Co
2	Hellenic	1946	Turner	Liverpool	15-12	W A G & Co
3	Salatie	2088	Allegre	Colombo	13-12	M M & Co
4	M Bocquehem	2741	Androvich	Calcutta	A L S N Co	
5	Tientsin	2559	Fox	China	11-12	P & O Co
6	Oriental	3085	Jephson	Aden	5-1-1900	P & O Co
7	Shannon	2386	Wilmer	Aden	23-12	P & O Co
8	Norfolk	3153	David	Genoa	14-12	W A G & Co
10	Haddon Hall	2677	Hood	Karachi	16-12	K N & Co
12	Caledonia	3329	Gordon	London	16-12	P & O Co

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 41·2s

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meridone, or 8h. 8m. 41·2s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
12	Apollo	Pickthorn	Calcutta, Dec 1
	Salatie	Allegre	Marseilles, Nov 26
	Lalpoora	Hart	Rangoon, 1st D.
	Pemba	Martyr	Karachi, 10th D
	Upada	Houssoun	Calcutta, Nov 30

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
11	Warooga	Macfarlane	Rangoon, &c
	Orissa	Stebbing	Calcutta
	Parramatta	Kinnear	Karachi, &c
	Anglo Saxon	Androvich	Calcutta, &c
	Narani	Sandilands	Calcutta, &c

The steamer Terrier, Captain Kampjard, obtained her port clearance yesterday, for Tuticorin.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Shannon, for London.
" Hercules, for Calcutta, &c.
" Madura, for Calcutta, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 12.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
Haddon Hall 2—1015 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers and Co; 31 bales wool, S Nathoobhoy; 40 0 cwt bone meal, Ebrahimboy Currimbhoy Nanjee; 32 bales wool, Currimbhoy Nanjee; 33 bales jute cuttings, 200 bales cotton ditto, Pragjee Mongee and Co.
Britannia 2—8 bales wool, H K M Jaitha; 21 bales wool, D Baba Ismail bari Esaji Lalman and Co; 71 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR LONDON.
Caledonia 2—11 cwt bones, Moolina Lalljee; 193 bales skins and Hides, W and A Graham and Co; 3 bales skins, M Jaffer; 15 bales silk waste, H K Bole and Sons; 32 bales skin and hides, Hajee Mamed Aba; 76 cwt Indian chutney, D P Batha and Co; 4 pkts rosa oil, H S Lalljee and Co.

FOR GLASGOW
Britannia 2—1,020 cwt myrabolams, Jethabhoy Premjee.
FOR MARSEILLES.
Britannia 2—59 lbs Indian tea and 300 cwt teaseed, Ralli Brothers.
FOR GENOA.
Narita 2—200 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.
FOR ANTWERP.
Haddon Hall 2—2,001 cwt myrabolams, Tyabjee and Co; 383 cwt gum, Jetha Premjee.
FOR NEW YORK.
Caledonia 2—9 bales woollen carpets, Latham and Co; 1 bale woollen carpets, Finlay Muir and Co.
FOR HONGKONG.
Tientsin 2—80 bales twist, Framjee Hormasjee and Co; 4 cwt moyrotech, M M Esabhoy.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES,

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.
Bombay, 13th December, 1899.

1. The Regiment will parade at the Matunga Railway Station at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th instant, for a Field Day.

2. Ten rounds of blank ammunition per man will be issued on Parade. Pouches to be inspected on falling in.

(1) Attendance on this parade to count 3 Points towards the Shooting Officer's Prizes.

(2) Special carriages will be attached to the train leaving Victoria Terminus at 3-30 p.m. (Bombay time). Railway fares will be paid for those joining this train at Victoria Terminus, Muajid, Mazagon, Byculla, Parel, and Sudur Stations. Members travelling from other stations by the B B and C I Railway will pay their own fares which will be refunded.

2. There will be practice for all Buglers of the Corps at Byculla School, Byculla, at 5-30 p.m., to-day (Wednesday) the 13th instant.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, 12th December, 1899.

1. The following drills will take place this week:—
No 1 Co. Town Hall Compound and No. 2 Co. Nesbit Road Head-quarters, to-morrow (Thursday) at 5-45 p.m., 40 pr. R. M. L. Gun drill.

2. The Corps will parade at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder, on (Saturday) the 16th instant, at 4 p.m. sharp, and proceed to Pilot Bunder, Colaba, to continue the Annual Gun Target practice.

Dress—Drill order without arms. Putties to be worn. No. 1 Subdivision of each Company is detailed for first relief.

3. The following member has qualified as a Gun Layer for the ensuing season—Gunner S Morray.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Wednesday, December 13.
SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.
6 p.m.—Litany, Sermon and Hymn 464.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. E. J. Jones.

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 5th December, as compared with the statement of 28th November, 1899:—

	November 28.	December 5.
LIABILITIES.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Capital paid-up	2,00,00,000 0 0	2,00,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	95,00,000 0 0	95,00,000 0 0
Public Deposits, &c.	1,17,93,7 0 11 5	1,20,53,495 10 8
Other Deposits, &c.	5,58,84,473 9 6	5,68,49,9 5 9 5
Bank Post Bills, &c.	1,29,01 10 0	1,13,310 5 4
Sundries	27,98,995 11 2	22,20,533 14 11
	10,40,15,921 13 7	10,23,67,036 8 4
ASSETS.	Rs. A P.	Rs. A. P.
Government Securities	39,87,816 0 0	41 31,731 0 0
Other authorised Investments	31,81,265 8 0	31,77,163 0 0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	2,06 43,052 11 5	2,14 62,100 4 8
Accounts of Cr dit do.	2,24,16,321 13 11	2,17,11,37 11 7
Bills discounted, &c.	1,43 48,078 13 10	4 31,61,2 8 1 3
Balances with other Banks	9 76 845 9 0	9,9,1,3 4 14 3
Bullion	4,851 10 7	4,811 2 7
Land Sites	13,32 511 3 4	1 1,31,761 14 4
Stamps	9,349 14 9	9 017 6 1
Sundries	16,28 899 11	16,50 074 12 8
Cash &c. at Head Office	1,14,94 621 0 7	1,21,46 719 9 4
Do. at Branches	1,62 49 588 3 3	1,70,30 018 14 5
	Rs. 10,40,15,921 13 7	10,23,67,036 8 4

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Government Balances at Head Office	8,14,693 Inc.
Do. at Branches	3,45,5 8 Inc.
Other Deposits	23,33,488 Dec.
Bank Bills	13,009 Inc.

ASSETS.	
Bank Investments	1,40,375 Inc.
Loans	8,19,021 Inc.
Accounts of Credit	5,04,244 Dec.
Mercantile Bills	2,84,340 Dec.
Cash at Head Office	15,77,302 Dec.
Do at Branches	7,49,120 Inc.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
Bombay, 11th December, 1899.
Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29 927
Temperature of the Air	degrees 78 8
Wet Bulb Thermometer	72 2
Dew Point	67 3
Relative humidity of Air	73 5
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	1 0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 85 2
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	70 7
General Directions of wind	N. ENE, NNE SSW, S W, WSW, SSE.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 16 7

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS.
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—DECEMBER 11.

11 p.m.	77·4

TUESDAY.—DECEMBER 12.

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[illegible]	71 6
[illegible]	82 3
[illegible]	81 6

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 12.

COSSOS declined 5-16 per cent. in London yesterday to 101 15-16. French Rentes remained at 100 1-2; but Pasis Exchange on London was 1 centime lower, at 25-32 1-2 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan declined 1-2 per cent., to 110; and Rupee Securities 3-8 per cent. to £64 1-16. Exchange on India at 30 days' sight was unaltered at 1s. 3 7-8d. Discount on Short London Bills at 3 months' sight was quoted at 6 per cent., and on 6 months' sight Indian Bank Bills at 5 3-8 per cent. Bar Silver was unchanged at 27 3-8d. per oz.; also in New York at 59 1-8 cents per oz., demand Exchange on London being 1-4 cent. higher, at 4·86⅔ dollars.

The sheep skin sales closed yesterday with a strong feeling, and prices 1d. to 2½. higher. The total quantity sold was 790,0 0.

Gujerat Yellow Rapeseed was quoted at 40s. per 416 lbs., December-January shipment, to Dunkirk, business done via the Canal, market firmer; Cawnpore Yellow Rapeseed at 38 1-4s. December January shipment, to Dunkirk, buyers via the Canal, tone of the market firmer.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed firm, Surats quiet, Arrivals steady. The day's sales were 10,000 bales; and the Imports 7,000 bales. Spot Mid. Americans advanced 1-32d. to 4 5-16d. per lb.; and American Arrivals 1-64 to 1-32d., extreme quotations being 4 5 32 d. for December delivery, and 4 1-32d. for April-May. The Manchester market was firm.

Ready Mid-Uplands Cotton continued in New York at 7 11-16 cents per lb; Futures declined 5 points, to 7·45 cents for March, and 7·49 cents for June. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 43,000 bales.

The Agricultural Bureau monthly report issued in Washington yesterday estimated the crop at 9,900,000

Our local Cotton market has been quiet but steady to-day. Shippers bought 500 bales Chaliagaon at Rs. 194 per candy, 500 Wardha at Rs. 201, 500 Poolgaum at Rs. 201, 700 Dhamargaum at Rs. 200; and the Mills, 150 Bengal (old) at Rs. 171-1 2, 200 Chalisgaum at Rs. 194. New Broach was quoted at Rs. 212-213 per candy; "Fully Good" Bengal, new, at Rs. 178-179; Bhownugger, at Rs. 196.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay on Sunday and yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	12,106 bales.
Wheat	3,031 cwts.
Gingellyseed	34,286 "
Rice	91,959 "

EXCHANGE has been steady to-day at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-32d. for demand, and 1s. 4 1-32d. for three months' sight credits. There was a moderate business passing; some merchants' Bills were reported done, for January delivery, at 1s. 4 3-8d.; and rates closed as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 3-32d. per Rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 4 1-16d. "
Credits 3 months' Sight	1s. 4 13-32d. "
Francs	172 1-4 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Rates are given at 96 11-16 for both Money and Account, for 3 1-2 per cent.

SHARES.—Manockjee Petit, Mill are Rs. 5 lower; Port Canning C., Rs. 5 higher, Ahmedabad-Prantij Railway, Rs. 6, and Tapti Valley Railway Rs. 2 1-2.

RAILWAY RETURNS

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November, 1899, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	17,030	2,60,000	4,000	3,61,000
Or per mile of Railway	210	561	9	781
For previous 20 weeks of half-year	17,19,2 3	40,91,167	41,330	58,81,819
Total for 21 weeks	18,46, 8	43,51,167	48,3 9	62,45,8 9
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	83,181	1,06,733	3,100	2,83,081
Per mile of Ry. do.	180	1 7	7	614
Total to corresponding date do.	15 21,491	31,81,202	68,091	47,75,777

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 77,918
Ditto to date ..... " 14 0, 72

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch, Rewari-Bhatinda and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November, 1899, on 1,645·86 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,07,000	4,80,000	7,000	5,94,000
Or per mile of Railway	65	292	4	361
For previous 20 weeks of half-year	21,57,691	66,48,934	1,36,981	89,43,610
Total for 21 weeks	2,64,694	71,38,934	1,43,982	95,37,610
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,55,671	2,42,314	5,370	4,03,385
Per mile of Ry. do.	93	145	3	241
Total to corresponding date do.	25,88,895	43,29,712	1,36,740	70,35,347

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 1,90,615
Do. to date ..... " 25,02,233

FEROZEPORE-BHATINDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November, 1899, on 54·36 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,800	4,000	..	7,800
Or per mile of Railway	70	73	...	143
For previous 20 weeks	72,357	1,01,099	...	1,73,456
Total for 21 weeks	76,157	1,05,099	..	1,81,256
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	..	...	...	..
Per mile of Ry. do.	...	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date do.	...	...	...	...

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDARAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November 1899, on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,100	17,300	50	20,9·0
Or per mile of Railway	22	126	..	148
For previous 20 weeks of half-year.	68,273	2,81,336	2,665	352,274
Total for 21 weeks	71,373	2,99,136	2,715	378,224
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,579	12,649	7	27,191
Per mile of Ry. do.	33	100	..	198
Total to corresponding date do.	74,142	3,31,314	2,917	398,373

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 6,241
Do to date ..... " 25,149

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November 1899, on 17·25 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	400	500	...	900
Or per mile of Railway	22	29	...	52
For previous 20 weeks of half-year.	7,503	5,638	39	13,485
Total for 21 weeks	8,208	6,138	39	14,385
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	220	29	2	583
Per mile of Ry. do.	17	17	..	34
Total to corresponding date do.	6,234	2,987	54	10,325

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 317
Ditto to date ..... " 4,060

GOLD AND SILVER.

THE following are imports and exports of gold and silver during the official year, 1899-1900:—

In the month of October, 1899.

	Gold. Rs.	Silver. Rs.	Total. Rs.
Imports	1,45,48,472	1,74,38,419	2,19,86,891
Exports	20,90,791	46,36,191	77,26,982
Net Imports	81,57,681	5,7,02,2 8	1,42,59,909

To the end of the month of Oct., 1899, Progressive.

	Gold. Rs.	Silver. Rs.	Total. Rs.
Imports	4,23,55,8 2	6,1 ,32,109	11,01,87,931
Exports	1,51,12,131	3,01,98,491	4,56,10,622
Net Imports	3, 2,43,684	3,06,33,618	6,45,87,301

Silver received and coined in the mints during the official year 1899-1900:—

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE.)

	Calcutta Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
In the month of Oct., 1899	21,724	1,07,42,331*	1,07,67,118
To the end of the month of Oct., 1899 (Progressive)	33,92,816	3,76,46,017	4,11,78,833

COINED AND EXAMINED.

	Calcutta. Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
In the month of Oct 1899	9,44,005	92,1,213	1,01,86,224
To the end of the month of Oct., 1899 (Progressive)	21,86,020	3,43,88,463	3,65,74,483

* Of which Rs. 1,08 01,225 represent bullion received for the coinage of British Dollars.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

GOMPERTZ—December 7, at Roorkee, the wife of the Rev J F W Gomperz, Senior Chaplain, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HARRISON—BENNELL—December 6, at Christ Church, Nowshera, Captain William Sandilands Harrison, R A M C, to Edith, daughter of Lieutenant and Quartermaster J D Bonnell, 1st Derashdira Regiment.

DEATHS.

DUGGAN—December 7, at the Albert Victor Hospital, Lahore, of enteric fever, Miss J G R Duggan, L C P S E and G, Assistant Physician to the Lady Aitchison Hospital, Lahore, aged 31 years.

FITZPATRICK—November 21, at the residence of his son, Jubbulpore, P J FitzPatrick, Sub-Engineer, D P W, aged 83 years.

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The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1899.

THERE is complete silence in Natal, broken only by an explosion at Colenso, which is taken to indicate the completion of the destruction of the stone piers of the railway bridge. Now that Sir Francis Clery's Division, or a large part of it, has crossed over the trestle bridge at Frere, whatever may happen at Colenso loses a good deal of its importance. As might be supposed, General Gatacre's night march with its disastrous results, is the subject of much adverse criticism. With eight hundred mounted infantry to reconnoitre, that officer by his own account, placed himself in the hands of guides, who misled him. British troops had only recently occupied Stormberg, from which they were withdrawn by order of the Commander-in-Chief, who did not approve of the dispersion of the available forces in small garrisons. It ought surely have been possible to obtain from the British officers who knew Stormberg and its surroundings from personal observation, sufficient information to inculcate caution in approaching it through a defile surrounded by kopjes affording ample cover for the enemy. The London "Times," which distinguished itself by ascribing the stampede of the mules at Nicholson's Nek to the treachery of the mule drivers, now attributes the preparedness of the Boers at Stormberg to the treachery of spies who informed them beforehand of the intended night-march. The whole country thereabouts is notoriously pro-Boer, and the toilsome march of seven hours through a roadless, broken country, could hardly have passed unobserved. Twelve guns, each drawn by or probably six horses could not move noiselessly along such a route. The approach of a column of some thousands of men, four abreast through a narrow ravine, gave the entrenched enemy ample time to prepare for their reception. A heavy fire on his front and flank must have shown General Gatacre and the troops under his command that the surprise had failed, and that escape from a great disaster could only be averted by hard fighting. Yet we are told that the battle soon resolved itself into an artillery duel which lasted for three hours. Then it became obvious that nothing could save the column but the immediate retreat of the tired and hungry troops back over the thirteen miles they had traversed with such toil during the night. Under the circumstances the country has the right to feel relieved that the list of casualties was almost nominal. The six or seven hundred officers and men who were missing are prisoners in the hands of the Boers. A despatch from Pretoria on the 11th instant, informs us that 672 prisoners were taken at Stormberg. This shows that there was no ground for the fear that many of the 606 men reported as missing had been slain. The fact that the casualties were so few, and the prisoners so many, speaks for itself. A considerable portion of the troops, fatigued beyond measure by a toilsome night-march, and then subjected to a fearful fire in impracticable ground—finding as at Nicholson's Nek that they had to choose between annihilation and surrender—surrendered. The Boers assert that they captured three British guns at Stormberg. It is quite possible that in the hurried retreat to Molteno some of the overworked teams gave out, and two or three guns had to be left behind. The real misfortune is that such a large body of good troops should have been sacrificed by a reckless night-march through impracticable country for which there was no military necessity whatever. We are not expressly told, but it is left to be inferred that Commandant Cronje has taken up a position on Modder River, and that he has held it in spite of the efforts of General Methuen to dislodge him. He, too, has his tale of prisoners; this time only two score and ten. As we go to press, we learn that the British cavalry has got touch with the enemy at Colenso. It is stated that the Boers are retiring, but there is no indication of the direction they have taken.

OLD and New Colombo was the subject of an interesting and suggestive lecture by Mr. John Ferguson on the 23rd ultimo before the Society of Arts, Sir Thomas Sutherland presiding. Colombo claims with good reason to have the most convenient and commodious artificial harbour in the world and to be the great port of call for the ocean steamers between Asia and Australasia and Europe and the Far East. Mr. Ferguson declares that it is or will be also the port of Southern India, there being no port of any importance between Ceylon and Bombay on the one side and Madras on the other. Before this ambitious programme can be fully realised, however, the engineers must repeat on a more prosaic scale the achievement of the legendary monkeys that bridged the shores between India and Ceylon, and carry a railway from the Continent to the Island. Colombo is of ancient date, the rocky headland that made the first harbour being known to Ptolemy as Cape Jupiter. For over twelve centuries it was lost to history; the first authentic notice of it being that of a Mahommedan traveller who visited it in 1346 and noted that Kolambu was one of the largest and finest cities in the Island, and that it was ruled over by the Wazir Jalasti, Lord of the Sea, who had with him 500 Abyssinians. A century and a half later the intrepid Portuguese navigators arrived; the fine city was no more; there was only a cluster of huts made of plaited cocoanut leaves. It was no longer under the Lord of the Sea; it owed allegiance to the Sinhalese King dwelling at Cotta, a few miles inland. The new comers established a trading station and in 1518 erected a fort. An alliance with the King of Cotta gave offence to the chiefs and people and the Portuguese had to fortify Colombo and stand two sieges, at the hands of the rebel king who had 50,000 men and 2,000 elephants. The Portuguese had 200 guns on their walls, which gave them the victory. They had built churches, convents and monasteries, and there was also a Chamber with aldermen. They held their own against the Sinhalese and against the Moors, who were furious at seeing the eastern trade diverted from the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf to the Cape of Good Hope. But in 1602 a Dutch ship anchored at Battacaloa on the East Coast and the admiral on board entered into a treaty with the King of Kandy. The century was not half through when the struggle between the two rivals began, culminating in October, 1655, in a siege which lasted till May in the following year when the Portuguese yielded Colombo to the Dutch. They made a gallant fight, killing the Dutch General and 3,000 men and though assisted by 40,000 of the King's troops, the Hollanders were reduced to dire straits before the handful of the Portuguese who were left to man the walls and had to surrender. The next capitulation was to the British in 1796 who took possession in the name of the Prince of Orange, Holland having been overrun by the armies of the French Republic. It was then a place of considerable importance with numerous works and public buildings; there was a large trade by sea. Naturally we kept Colombo ever since and under our rule, especially in these later years, it has become one of the most important ports of the Empire.

The name of Colombo is derived from the Sinhalese Kalambo, "a port of call for vessels," and it is a port of call to the present day. The original port was of small dimensions, but for most of the year, was a safe haven for the small vess

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

OUR LOSSES IN GUNS AT STORMBERG.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The Boers assert that they captured three of our guns at Stormberg.

HEAVY FIGHTING AT MODDER RIVER.

Reuter, wiring from Capetown, states that heavy fighting was reported to be going on at Modder River all day, on Monday, but the details are wanting.

COLENSO RAILWAY BRIDGE DESTROYED.

Reuter, wiring from Frere yesterday, says that the Colenso road bridge is intact, but the railway bridge is a ruin, two of the stone piers having been blown up by the Boers.

British Cavalry has established touch with the enemy at Colenso. The enemy is retiring.

THE PRISONERS TAKEN AT STORMBERG.

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PRISONERS TAKEN AT MODDER RIVER.

Fighting took place last night at Modder River.

Cronje maintained his position and took fifty prisoners.

GENERAL GATACRE'S NIGHT MARCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram, London, Dec. 11th, describes General Gatacre's night march from Molteno to attack the Boers as a most difficult one, his troops stumbling on for seven hours in the darkness over precipitous ground, strewn with boulders, but unmolested until they reached the Boer position, where the repulse took place.

Military critics talk of the knight errantry of the attempt, and look upon the reverse, small though it be, as specially unfortunate just now, owing to the effect it may have on the Afrikanders of Cape Colony.

THE BRIDGES AT COLENSO.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 12.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires, dated London, December 12th :—

The following cable appears in the *Times* :—Frere, 11th December.—An explosion occurred at Colenso yesterday, which probably indicates the completion of the destruction of the stone piers of the Railway Bridge, and not the Waggon Bridge as was at first supposed.

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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, Dec. 11.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Arabia arrived here this morning.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 11.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Carthage arrived here day before yesterday evening.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Grant arrived here yesterday morning.

The Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. R. Rubattino, captain M. Sporite, left Aden for Bombay, on the 11th instant, at 6 p.m., and is expected to arrive in Bombay, on the 17th inst., in the morning.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Triests, from Trieste, arrived at Karachi, on the morning of the 12th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Sugar quiet.

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The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	101 15-16
3 per cent. Rentes	100 1-2
4 per cent. Spanish Loan	110
3 1-2 per cent. Russian Copors	94 1-16
Bar Silver	27 3-8

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Amount already advised	21,42,115	3	8
Corporate Body (per Officer Commanding)	100	0	0
Mr R L Petre	100	0	0
Officers, 22nd Pioneers, Chitral	7	0	0
H H K	51	0	0
Mr R A Gamble, C S	1	0	0
Mr J McFarlane	100	0	0
Mr A H Markham	100	0	0
Mr G Gahagan	100	0	0
Mr John Hand	50	0	0
Miss Laura Green	20	0	0
Colonel G C Dobbs	70	0	0
F H H	100	0	0
Mr M M Kennedy	25	0	0
Major H L Pennell	22	0	0
Mr H Hughes Brooks	21	0	0
Lieut F B Tillard	16	0	0
Anonymous	25	0	0
Mr H Carpenter	25	0	0
Sir Bir Shum-Shan	100	0	0
B I S N Company's employes on Board Steamers Sindh, Lindsay, Sarnia, Guyebana, Kola, Simla, Sudder, Usha, Pallana, Kanara, Assyria, India, Dagna, Semantra, Baldara, Marinus, Zanzibar, Pata and Palamcotta	800	0	0
Mr H C Carter	50	0	0
Mr D Carmichael	15	0	0
Mr Simmonds	10	0	0
Mr W Phipps	25	0	0
Lieut G R Hearn	30	0	0
Nawab Alahomed Hyat Khan	100	0	0
Col H H Aylmal	50	0	0
Capt A Deane	25	0	0
Capt M F Harding	30	0	0
Capt A White	10	0	0
Capt S P James	10	0	0
Lieut H L Kate	20	0	0
2nd Lieut G L Peppe	5	0	0
Total	Rs. 24,46,115	3	8

KING KING & Co.

Bombay, 12th December, 1899.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

DECEMBER 12.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, interrupted. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENTAL EUROPE.—Via Teheran interrupted. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Restrictions :—

Telegrams for Panay Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to same restrictions as Philippine Islands, but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.

[illegible] London, announces that British Government is disposed to suspend at Aden and at the Cape of Good Hope the transmission of all telegrams in Code or Cipher whether of foreign governments or private persons to or from Zanzibar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar and every Place in or from East Africa, Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Rhodesia, British Central Africa, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Cape Colony and Natal.

Telegrams in plain language are subject to censorship and can only be accepted at the risk of the sender.

Censorship has been established at Panjs and Buenaventura in United States of Columbia.

Telegrams for Bagota, Cucuta, Cartagena, Baranquilla, and Bucaramanga in Columbia (South America) cannot be accepted at Senders risk.

Restrictions on private telegraphic correspondence to and from Azores removed, but still apply to telegrams to Madeira.

State of communication :—

Cable Jamaica Coupion interrupted.

Cable Jamaica Pimbenice interrupted.

Cable Zanzibar Mombasa interrupted.

Communication between Natal on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal, on the other entirely suspended.

Communication with Mafeking (Bechuanaland) and beyond interrupted.

That part off telegraph communication with British Bchuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Portuguese Zambesia.

There is no land line communication between Beira and Umtali.

Turkish route interrupted beyond Teheran Cable San Thome Lenaria Interrupted.

Mail for Beira closes here at 8 p.m. on December 15.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The reception held by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Sandhurst at Government House, last night, was one of the brilliant functions of its kind. The gathering was large and influential, representing all classes of the community. Nearly all the gentlemen who attended the levee at the Town Hall on Wednesday last, were present at the reception with the ladies of their families. The Government House and its extensive compound were brilliantly illuminated with multi-coloured lamps, while the Governor's Band stationed in the compound played selections of music during the interval the functions lasted. At 9 o'clock, the gentlemen assisted to the reception began to arrive with the ladies of their families and were, on alighting from their carriages, received by the native A. D.-C. The staircase and the verandah leading to the reception hall were lined by chopdars and the presentations soon commenced. Lord Sandhurst, who stood in the hall, had European guests introduced to him by Captain Levett, A.-D.-C, and the native guests by Mr. Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, Oriental Translator to Government. The presentations lasted over an hour, there being over five hundred ladies and gentlemen present. The refreshment buffets were liberally furnished and the reception proved in every respect a very enjoyable function. The guests began to disperse after 10-30 p.m.

PROFESSOR LADD'S SEVENTH LECTURE.

There was a large and appreciative audience at the Convocation Hall on Monday afternoon, to hear Professor Ladd's lecture on the "Relations of Body and Mind." The whole course of the lectures may be divided into two parts, and Monday's lecture was the seventh of the course and the first of the second division. As its title implies the subject was an interesting one, and Professor Ladd's treatment of it was in his usual masterly and lucid manner.

In his opening remarks the Professor briefly referred to the past lectures, and stated that psychology scientifically and philosophically conceived always must be considered in *relations*. Without relations the identity, reality, and unity of the mind have no force. In psychology an unrelated thing is unknown. The most significant and the only immediate relations are those which the phenomena of mental life sustains to the bodily organism. Hence the great scientific and theoretical interest in the subject of the "Relations of body and mind." In treating such a subject all our theory should be based upon a scientific investigation of the facts and of the laws and the causes which science discovers as necessary to explain the facts. These, in the form in which experience gives them to us for observation are of two orders :—(1) such as suggest or prove the dependence of mental phenomena upon the structure and functions of the bodily organism : and (2) such as suggest or prove the dependence of changes in the bodily conditions or functions upon mental phenomena. Those are the facts with the modern popular mind, that activity of mind is caused by the action of the brain as being the influencing or causal activity of all mental phenomena ; and the second as a reverse dealt with the id-alistic theory, viz., that the mind has influence over all bodily organism, and is the causal activity of the functions of the body. In this way the body is regarded as a mental construct—a conception only formed on conception as of other things. However independent any one's preconceived theories may render him to look upon experience in both these ways, the *facts* remain such that we cannot properly avoid this and maintain a truly scientific attitude. The lecturer then proceeded to deal specially with the dependence of mental phenomena upon the structure and functions of the bodily organism, and in doing so carefully treated the subject from the modern physiological and physical point of view. In showing the influence which the bodily organs have upon mental life and development, he showed the dependence of the sensory-motor and image-making activities of the mind upon excitement of the bodily organs. This is that general class of relations of dependence of the mental phenomena upon the organs of sense and of motion, and upon returning images of these original experiences, which ordinary observation emphasizes. Such information is capable of being verified by experiment, and has in fact been rendered more precise by psycho-physics and experimental psychology. The professor explained how simple experiments could be undertaken to prove that the quality and the integrity of the sense-elements, the clearness and the integrity of the sense upon the condition of the nervous system as acted upon by appropriate stimuli. Again the phenomena of representative association and recurrence of the mental images depend upon organic and dynamical associations, especially within the central nervous system. This, too, is in a crude and indefinite way obvious enough to ordinary experience ; but modern psychology has rendered it more demonstrable and precise, (2.) The general dependence of the integrity and of the rise and fall and cessation of conscious states depend upon the structure and functions of the nervous system. This class naturally does not admit of such experimental proof as the former. In fact the special significance of the nervous system, and above all, of the brain is a comparatively modern discovery. However, several instances of this general dependence may be noted. The theory that mental activity is dependent upon the size and complexity of the brain is one not very precisely made out, yet it is noticeable that inferior races have not the same bulk of brain as the more highly civilized. In the whole of creation man has proportionately the largest brain, and as a rule of two species in the lower animal world have actually larger brains than man, viz., the elephant and the whale. As the size of the brain depends a great deal on the size of the body the elephant has one to direct the movements of his huge body and trunk, and the whale the movement of his tail. There is satisfactory proof that "work" is done in the brain, and such is correlated with mental activity. Again the activity of the brain depends on the blood-supply. The nerve-cells, like all cells, have the power of nourishing themselves and of propagating their kind. The nutrition brought to them by the blood issue for the enlargement of the cell which in accordance with the molecular character it has already attained. The internal molecular alteration and the activity of the connected cells are mutually interdependent. These are only just upon the border-land of the scientific theory and deduced during the last thirty years. About one hundred years ago an extreme form of phrenology was taught in Europe and America by Gall and Spurzheim and the older phrenologists, many of whom had never seen a human brain. This caused the reaction led by Longel, Hourens, and others, who went to the other extreme ; and it was not till 1870 that Hitzig and Fritsch after careful re-search and investigation propounded a well-established theory as to certain localization of cerebral functions. Physiologists and anatomists have developed this theory and real ed the importance of developing this branch of science for the purpose of surgical operations on the brain to relieve pain in various parts of the body.

Apart from the ethical side of the question, vivisection, although strongly condemned, is an advance in surgery, and owing to the researches of physiologists, has resulted in operations being performed for the relief of those of our own species. Thus we know that mental activities are dependent upon the integrity and perfection of processes of the brain as a summary of the results obtained ; it is now established that sensory-motor areas have been located for the lower limbs, the visual areas, and those concerned in the complex use of the faculties of speech. A physiologist can, therefore, locate in the brain to a certainty the exact place, which affects certain diseases in other parts of the body ; while a surgeon no longer hesitates to operate on the brain for the relief of such disease. After describing generally the relationship of the limbs with the brain, the lecturer pointed out certain abnormal characteristics which are sometimes observed, as aphasia or the inability to use intelligibly sounds to express or appreciate ideas, and agraphia or the inability to express in writing one's own ideas. The cause due to the organic functions of the brain, in connection with agraphia, the lecturer told a story of a certain German Professor, who on being asked for a testimonial by one of his pupils, wrote :—" Mr. A. B. has attended my remarkable lectures with organic inability." Having shown that the rise and development of the mental life of man is known as dependent upon the structure and functions of a molecular mechanism, the Professor stated that in the next lecture he would show that the functions of the body were related to, and dependent upon, the activities of the human mind.

The contract scandal of putrid meat supplied to transport ships is growing ; a letter posted at St. Vincent from another of the transports shows that this vessel, like others, was stocked with beef unfit for food ; and it is to be feared we have not yet heard the whole story. Here is an extract ; "To-day every soldier—1,600—on board complained to the officers of their companies that their dinners, at 11-30 of salted beef were putrid. The Colonel, Arthur Paget, with the doctors, quartermasters naval transport officer purser, and the captain of the ship, inspected the messes, and condemned the foul carrion as being unfit for human food. Sixteen men are allowed 12lb. ; on weighing it. 12lb. weighed in many cases only 3lb., at most under 6lb. Fancy sixteen hungry men sharing 3lb., including infernal great brisket bones ! The whole rations were thrown overboard by order of the O.C. Troops. This carrion is never eaten by any English soldier ; so fancy the waste of the public money !" Once more, Who is to blame ? Who should be hanged ? Who was the actual official responsible for the passing of this meat ?

A number of questions concerning foreign affairs were addressed to the Marquis Visconti Venosta in the Chamber on Nov. 20. The Radical deputy Dr. Colajanni spoke bitterly of what he considers Mr. Chamberlain's attempt to suppress the Italian language in Malta. The Foreign Minister replied that the Italian Government was by no means indifferent to such questions, but that in the present case, which concerned the internal administration of another State, it was impossible to make official representations of a nature susceptible of being communicated to Parliament.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 12th December, 1899.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	...	...	...	...	...
Teheran	...	...	...	...	...
Suez	12	2	5 p.m.	...	30

NAGPUR NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NAGPUR, Dec. 11.

Mr. Needham, who dislocated his shoulder and sustained other injuries, is progressing favourably.

The Bhandara water-works are nearly complete and will be soon opened for public use. Mr. Fraser, when Commissioner of the Nagpur Division, promoted this scheme and he now as a Chief Commissioner will see the work finished. The residents of Bhandara and surrounding districts came forward and subscribed liberally towards the scheme, but these subscriptions would have been of no avail if the scheme had not received the moral support of Sir John Woodburn and the financial help largely promised by the Local Government. The water-works at Wardha have been named after Mr. Fraser, and though both the water-works may owe their origin to the same mind yet a graceful tribute may be paid by naming the Bhandara water-works after Sir John Woodburn.

The Inspector-General of Education of these Provinces Mr. Munro has been granted furlough on medical certificate for four months in extension of the furlough granted him.

The section of the Hyderabad Godavery Railway from Manmad to Jalna has been completed and opened for coaching traffic. Lord Curzon travelled on this railway during his recent visit to Rosa in the Hyderabad district.

The students of the St. Francis de Sales' College, Nagpur, have sent out invitations to many families in the station asking their kind presence to witness the annual entertainment which comes off on Thursday in the school hall.

The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Bishop School will take place on Friday, when the Chief Commissioner has kindly consented to preside, and Mrs. Fraser has kindly promised to give away the prizes. It is a pity that this institution has not followed their annual programme of entertaining the public with a cantata.

The Christmas holidays of the scholars of the St. Francis de Sales' College, the Bishop School and the St. Joseph's Convent at Nagpur will commence from the 15th instant. The children of the convent were eagerly expecting an entertainment, but the Reverend Mother appears to have no funds in hand to meet the various expenses that such entertainments entail on her purse.

The Roman Catholic Bishop has requested his congregation to join him in especial prayers which will be offered in the Cathedral here during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to avert the great calamity that hangs over us—water-famine.

KATHIAWAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KAJKOTE, Dec. 7.

Colonel Hunter, C.S.I., Political Agent, Kathiawar, who left for Malia *via* Morvi, on the 2nd inst., returned on the 6th.

Mr. Morrison, Famine Commissioner, Kathiawar, left for Dhrapha, on the 3rd inst.

The trial of Mr. Purwarkadas Nandlal, Nysyadhish, commenced at Wankaner, last week, before the special court, presided over by Mr. Gulam Mahmad Bawa Mia Munshi, barrister-at-law, Mr. Harjivan Kotak, Esquire, B.A., LL.B., appears for the accused and Mr. Bhaibhade, barrister-at-law, and a local pleader, Mr. Bhichand Mangalji, for the accused. The first case has already been enquired into. It was the subject of a complaint instituted by one Dayaram Khanchand that he paid a bribe of Rs. 200 to the accused. The case stands for judgment.

The committee of management of the Kathiawar General Library which assembled last week at the Memorial Institute under the chairmanship of the Political Agent recorded a unanimous vote of thanks to the late honorary secretary, Rao Saheb Ganpatram Anupram, at present Director of Public Instruction, Junagarh State, in appreciation of the excellent service rendered by him.

His Highness the Chief of Wansda has appointed Mr. Umiashanker Jiavanram as his Huzoor Assistant. Mr. Umiashanker has distinguished himself in Kathiawar by his honest and able services in Rajkot, Gondal and Wankaner States, and there is no doubt that he will win the esteem and confidence of the Chief and subjects of the Wansda State.

The appeal of Rao Bahadur Dyashanker Balwantrai in his giras case before the Huzoor Court of the Junagarh State was fixed for the 4th instant, when the Honourable Mr. P. M. Mehta, barrister-at-law, was expected to appear for him. But the Dewan being engaged in works of famine relief, the hearing of the appeal has been deferred.

The present administration of Junagarh, the premier State in our province, has succeeded in its generous efforts towards the relief of the poor and famine-stricken. Over 15,000 people are engaged on one or other of the famine works in the State, and no different by different works. Old wells are in repair and new ones sunk and constructed. The Ghir forest and the Girnar hills are left open for the grazing of cattle. A large number of labourers and work-people are engaged in the construction of a talaw near Bhavaniwar at the base of the Girnar. The talaws at Junagarh and in the Patan and Una Mahals are widened at great costs. H. H. Nawab Rasulkhanji himself takes personal interest and himself feeds over one thousand poor people.

Captain Wodehouse, Assistant Political Agent, Hilar, paid a visit to Dhrol and seems much satisfied with the famine organization of the State. It possesses abundant quantity of grain and fodder, and with the personal interest evinced by H. H. the Thakore Saheb and his karbhari the plague arrangements are as complete as can be desired.

THE KOLHAPUR POISONING CASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In response to the defence of Colonel Wray regarding the Kolhapur poison case, which appeared in another paper, I wish to lay before the public a few remarks based entirely on the evidence produced in the case.

The writer has not taken a dispassionate view of the matter, and some of his remarks are simply absurd.

The first irregular step Colonel Wray took was the disclosure of the contents of the anonymous letter to Augustin, butler, the designated assassin, full three hours before dinner. No steps were taken to have a punchnama of the loaves as soon as they were delivered, and to watch the loaves till their removal. It is strange that Colonel Wray did not know that this disclosure would have the natural effect of warning the accused to remove the poisoned bread and to make himself scarce,

Why did Colonel Wray take into his confidence his ex-butler and depute him to have the loaves collected ? There were police authorities in the State, whose duty it would have been to investigate the matter. Colonel Wray does not inform Mr. Wells, a First Class Magistrate of the State and Private Secretary to his Highness, of the reason why the loaves were removed. But he had no hesitation to inform Philip, who was not then his butler but a State store-keeper, of the contents of the "incrimination" letter. Philip, though not attached to the Residency, is allowed the run of the Government premises. This Philip resigned the State service after Mr. Wells's conviction in connection with some jewellery belonging, and fifty years ago there was probably not one lady riding to hounds for ten that may be counted to-day. The ladies have indeed invaded every department of sport with complete success. Football and polo remain to be conquered. Of the former game it may be confidently predicted that it will remain secure from all feminine attack, but it would not be altogether surprising if the ladies were to enter the polo arena, "on the quiet." In regard to hunting ladies it must be said that there are many who are well able to take a line of their own when hounds are running, and to keep a good place throughout a fast thing. They have a fair appreciation of hound work, and, conforming religiously to the unwritten laws of fox-hunting, it is seldom indeed that Masters have to venture on a mild reproof.

Captain Barns-Hartopp has reason to be gratified with his selection of a huntsman to fill the place of Tom Firr. To follow such a master in the art of handling hounds and killing foxes entailed no little stress on a young and comparatively untried man. Walter Keyte, however, made his mark last season. As second whipper-in he had already gained a reputation for fearless yet skilful horsemanship, and he has now proved that he possesses, in addition the quick eye which enable a huntsman to show good sport. Friday with the Quorn are always popular, and seldom pass without a run being enjoyed. Twyford was the fixture a week ago, and from Adams Gorse hounds ran a fox in excellent style as far as Great Dalby. But the best run of the day started from Gartree Hilli. Getting well away, the pack drove their fox at a great pace to Burrough Hill Wood ; then, circling round by the Punchbowl, they streamed away past Somerby, and pulled down their quarry handsomely in the open, at Knossington, which lies within the Cottesmore domains. Followers of the Quorn had a long, hard day on Monday, when a large gathering assembled at Asketteby. From Walby Osier Beds hounds forced a fox away, and he ran past the Fish Ponds to Old Dalby. It was probably another fox that quitted that covert with the pack in full chase, and they marked him to ground at Holwell Mouth. A dense fog prevailed in many parts of the Midlands during the forenoon of Saturday, but a correspondent informs me that from Creaton Covert the Pytchley had a fine run, which lasted an hour and a half. The Cottesmore field at Colet Lodge on Tuesday included the Master and Mrs. Baird, the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Cowley, Major and Hon. Mrs. Candy, Lady Hartopp, Lady Angela Forbes, and Mr. Arthur Convently. Launde Big Wood provided the first fox, which circled round left-handed past Loddington and Prior's Coppice to Chiseldine Coppice. Hounds ran prettily with a swinging scent, and as they swept past Owston and on to Lady Wood the pace was uncommonly good. Slower hunting followed, and in the event the fox saved his brush ; but it was fast work for the hour or so until the windmill at Knossington was reached. In the course of the run Mr. L. Tollemache had the misfortune to break an arm as the result of a fall ; such mishaps are to be preferred at the end rather than the beginning of the season. On the same day followers of the South Cheshire obtained first-rate sport, and hounds had a narrow escape of being cut to pieces by a passing train.

The suggestion thrown out a few weeks back to the effect that football clubs and crowds could do something in aid of those whom the "absentminded beggars" now in the Transvaal or on their way thither have left behind them, has borne good fruit. Collections have been made for some Saturday's past at most of the big matches, but we want to see something done by the clubs themselves. There are one or two of the First League who have need for all their receive in the shape of gate money, but on an occasion like this we know they will cheerfully make the sacrifice which the Football Association suggest they should do, in devoting 10 per cent. of their takings on December 2, or on the nearest possible Saturday. The F. A. themselves thought 100 guineas the least they could do on their own part and will doubtless be only too pleased to supplement such donation if necessary. Meanwhile Sheffield United have set the example to their compeers. The Kaffirs have done their little best and the Players Union also. We are looking to arousing response from footballers generally. Now is the time for clubs to show that they are not the mere mercenaries some people are so fond of painting them.

Devon stands a very good chance of retaining the high honour of champion county, judging by their brilliant victory over Gloucestershire on Saturday. Recently, when they met Cornwall the team did not give general satisfaction ; but only a few changes were made. The confidence of the committee in the ability of their men was abundantly justified, though, contrary to expectation, it was the backs as much as the forwards who won the match. The latter were irresistible in the loose, and though they met their equals in the tight packs, Jones and Dunn played so well together that the generally acknowledged superiority of Needs and Goddard was never seen. Under these conditions it was not surprising that the Gloucestershire three-quarters were never conspicuous. They sadly missed Gwyn Nicholls and Percy Stout, and they will have to play in very different style next Saturday at Bath if they are to escape another defeat at the hands of Somerset. Devon, it may be added, have won all their matches with Gloucestershire since the season of 1891-2, save the drawn game at Exeter last year.

Having recovered from the surprise of the Yorkshire defeat, the Northumberland Rugby Union are setting to work to remedy, if possible, the weak places revealed in the team in the match at Jesmond on the 11th inst. It is clear enough that the forwards want strengthening, the three new men not having come up to expectations. Then a new wing three-quarter back could be done with, and a half-back good enough to partner E. W. Taylor is greatly to be desired. The committee had representatives watching all the four of the five clubs' teams that had fixtures on Saturday, and it is hoped in this way to discover the talent that is wanted to bring the Northumberland side back to its vigour of the past three seasons. E. W. Taylor, by the way, contracted a severe chill in the game against Yorkshire, and was confined to the house nearly all last week. He will not play for a few weeks, but it is hoped that he will resume his place behind the pack in the game against Lancashire, at Jesmond, on the 9th December.

The failure of the Lancashire and Yorkshire match owing to the fog is to be regretted on other grounds than its sacrifice on the county Championship. It was considered by the Rugby Union officials as the test game preparatory to the selection of the North team, and the President of the Rugby Union (Mr. J. W. H. Thorp), who has made it his business to see as many of the counties this season as possible, journeyed up specially to Keighley to see Lancashire and Yorkshire play. The visit was futile for the little play that took place could not be fully discerned, and the real merits of the two teams have therefore to be taken by him and others on trust.

The drill hall of the 17th (North) Middlesex Rifles at Camden Town was well filled last evening on the occasion of the corps' annual boxing competitions, when two events were carried through, namely, a 9 st. open for novices, and a 10 st. 4lb. open. For the former an entry of sixteen had been obtained, but only ten competed, the preliminary rounds being productive of considerable amusement, but little sport. The final heat saw a tremendous set-to between H. Cave, of the Polytechnic, and A. E. Hants of the promoting body, the latter being returned by the referee as the winner. For the heavier and more important contest only seven entries had been received, these being H. Jacobs, C. Allum, A. Warner, A. Penford, A. Chamberlain, R. Russell, and H. Dowdall. All the men are up to amateur championship form, but the last-named was some 7lbs. overweight, and there fore did not compete. Warner, a winner of several open events last season, met with a reverse in the first series, being defeated by Jacobs. In the bout between Russell and Allum a most unfortunate *contempts* occurred, Russell complaining in the last round that there was a pin in his right glove, but the referee ordered the men to go on. When the bout was finished Russell's glove was taken off, it was found to contain a needle and cotton, and was probably the reason of his opponent's left eye being severely cut, though, fortunately, no serious accident occurred. In the final of this event the home representative, H. Jacobs, secured a well-earned win from Penford, and in the course of the evening showed how much improved a man he is since he won his novitiate prize last year.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

PRESENTATION TO LIEUTENANT MOIR.

On Tuesday morning at the Riding School, Chowpatty, Lieutenant Moir was presented with a handsome silver bowl by the members of the Bombay Light Horse in view of his recent marriage. There was a large muster of the corps for the occasion, and there were a number of volunteer officers also present.

Captain Cuffe, in making the presentation, said the task which had been allotted him was one of the most pleasing, and on behalf of the members of the corps, past and present, he asked Mr. Moir to accept the gift as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the corps, whose existence to-day was largely due to his efforts. Mr. Symons, the speaker said, had also been of the greatest assistance, and he hoped that he and they might long be spared to continue the work together. He congratulated Mr. Moir upon his marriage, and hoped that before him and Mrs. Moir there might be many years of happiness.

Lieutenant Moir, in reply, said that that was not an occasion for many words. He thanked Captain Cuffe and the members of the Corps for the kind thought which prompted the presentation, and assured them that his connection with the Bombay Light Horse had always been most pleasant. After his marriage he had thought that his association with it might have to be less close, but Mrs. Moir had insisted upon his going on just as before. They certainly would both remember the occasion as one of the most memorable in their lives. He again thanked them all most heartily.

POONA REGATTA.

The Regatta of 1899 promises to be of exceptional interest. It is thirteen years since a crew from Calcutta has come to compete in the "Challenge fours," and their appearance on the river to-day will be marked with great pleasure and no little excitement in rowing circles.

Every evening now frequenters of our river can see and compare the prowess of the various crews, and the air resounds with the click of oars, encouraging shouts from 'cox' and remarks (not always so encouraging) from 'coach' as a racing four dashes past.

For the Challenge fours the Poona Boat Club will be represented by the following crew :—

	st.	lbs.
Mr Moore (Bow)	9	4
Mr Mackenzie 2	12	2
Mr Young 3	13	4
Mr Bolleau (stroke)	11	7
Cox Mr Molloy	8	7

They have been hard at work for the last fortnight under the able coaching of Colonel Hoskyns, and should give a good account of themselves. Of the crew 'Bow No. 2' and 'Stroke' are all well known on the river, Bow and 2 in connection with the successful crew of the 28th Pioneers in 1896 ; and stroke occupied the same place in the Poona boats of 1893 and 1895.

For the 'Service Fours' no civilian crew has entered and the venerable challenge cup will probably fall to the winner of the Regimental fours. The course for the latter race are good and an exciting struggle for the cup, so kindly presented by the 3rd Bombay Light Infantry is expected. The crews are keen and well trained and the following are expected to compete :—The Royal Scots, the King's Own Royal Scots, the King's Shropshire L. I. Sappers and Miners and 28th Pioneers. For the Senior Sculls there are few entries owing to the Wager boats being unfit for use, but it is expected that our Poona Scullers will have their work cut out to prevent the cup going to Calcutta.—*Deccan Herald.*

THE VICEROY'S CUP RETTING.

The following are Mr. Fred Armfield's quotations for the Viceroy's Cup, on Dec. 10 :—

3 to 4 against Merloolas.
5 to 1 against Vanitas.
4 to 1 against Strathroy.
8 to 1 against Keanan.
12 to 1 against Vedette.
12 to 1 against Leonidas.
15 to 1 against Cherry.
20 to 1 against Moth.
20 to 1 against Cherry.
20 to 1 against Catspaw.
20 to 1 against T. Joxteth.
20 to 1 against North British.
20 to 1 against Forest.
20 to 1 against Up Guards.

Three songs by A. C. Hickley are just published by S. Rose and Co., Bombay, "A Sclavonic Love Song," a pretty melody in six-eight time, with great variety in the phrasing, and effective changes from andante to vivace. The words are from Marie Corelli's "Romance of Two Worlds." "The Reaper and the Flowers" is a very sweet song, the music is in keeping with the well-known words by Longfellow. The compass is easy, ranging over an octave and a half from *do* to *sol*. "Two Songs," one a "Cradle Song," words by Tennyson, and "There Leave thy Gift upon the Altar," words by Whyte Melville, are effective, the latter especially. The accompaniments of all the songs are sustained and melodious.

The rigorous censorship exercised by the Government over the Press makes it difficult to obtain exact information as to the occurrences in Barcelona during the last few days, writes a correspondent on Nov. 22. It would appear, however, that the conflict with the trade guilds is over for the present, and that the remainder of the industrial tax for the first quarter is now hastily being paid. On the other hand, the state of siege in Barcelona will still continue. The position, therefore, is only temporarily improved. Meanwhile a further conference between Senor Sivela and the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce has only served to increase the dissatisfaction of the latter, and may, possibly, lead to the adoption of the methods of Barcelona by other large towns.

THE CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

ANNUAL PRIZE-DISTRIBUTION.

A very interesting gathering of ladies and gentlemen witnessed the annual prize-giving to the boys and girls of the Cathedral High Schools, which took place last evening in the Town Hall. His Excellency Lord Sandhurst presided. The girls were accommodated with seats close to the organ platform on the south, and next to and to the east of them were seated the boys, while the rest of the grand hall was filled by ladies and gentlemen, friends and relatives of the children as well as the well-wishers and supporters of the schools. His Excellency Lord Sandhurst, attended by Captain Berkley-Lovett, was, on his arrival at 5 p.m., escorted to the temporary dais in the hall by the Lord-Bishop the Rev. Mr. Hill, Mr. R. S. Brown, and Mr. T. A. Savage, the head-master of the schools. On the dais were also seated the Lord Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Hill, Mr. M. H. Starling, Mr. R. S. Brown, Captain Lovett, and Mr. and Mrs. Glazebrook. The programme, brief though it was, was very interesting. The girls sang "Stars the Night Adorning" in a very creditable way ; but the pole drill, and song and dance, by the infants proved exceedingly amusing and elicited repeated applause.

THE REPORT.

The Rev. Mr. Hill read the report of the governing body as follows :—

In issuing their report for 1899 the governing body are glad to be able to report that at last the building of the new Girls' School has been begun. They hope that the new premises will be occupied before the end of next year.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

The average number on the roll for 1899 was 147, being a slight decrease under last year. Forty-seven boys were admitted during the year, and fifty withdrawn. Of the latter, nine went to England, eight obtained employment, four entered colleges and eighteen left Bombay ; the remainder removed to other parts of Bombay. Four boys passed the Matriculation Examination of the six presented. All those entered college. Charles Stephen gained a Government Junior Scholarship and was placed first on the list of successful candidates. We have to thank Miss Crawford for the trouble she has taken in preparing the boys for the examination and Mr. Knight for the care he has taken with his boys. Frederick Steinhoff passed the entrance examination of the Indian Subordinate Medical Service. He also was placed first on the list of competitors. We are glad to note the success of "old boys." John McDonald Willibond Pais and David Judah passed the first examination in Medicine from the Grant Medical College, Solomon Judah the Intermediate Examination in Arts, and Constantio Coutinho the Previous Examination in Arts. The cricket season has been as successful as in former years. The school club was well supported and the five "Havens"

THE BATTLE OF ELANDSLAAGTE.

LADYSMITH, Oct. 25.

Extensive events have followed each other here so rapidly that it has been almost impossible to cope with them. The sudden development came when on Wednesday evening, October 18, it was known in Ladysmith that a reinforced commando under General French had succeeded down the Biggarsberg Pass, and after evading the Glencoe patrols, had established itself at Elandslaagte, 15 miles from Ladysmith. Not that such a movement was considered improbable. With the small British force in the colony, as long as there were no connecting posts along the railway communication between Dundee and Ladysmith, it was only to be expected that the Boer leaders would try to isolate the former force in order to attack both posts in detail. But it was a surprise to find that a compact commando, complete with artillery, had crossed Glencoe, dropped down the Biggarsberg and paralleled with the railway, and had so far established itself that it was able to capture an unprotected train. It was rather anticipated that a commando would make the attempt upon our communications from the right flank—that is, by way of Helpmakaar—or that the Orange Free State force which had for some days past been in possession of Bester's Railway Station on the Free State-Ladysmith extension, would attempt to cross the high auxiliary spurs of the Biggarsberg which lie parallell to the railway line in front of Elandslaagte.

The incidents in connexion with the capture of the train and the attempted capture of a preceding train are interesting. The advanced guard of General Koch's party arrived at the hamlet of Elandslaagte on a train stored in the station. Grasping the situation the driver turned on steam, and under a running fusillade forced a passage, eventually arriving safely at Dundee. The second train, which arrived later, was less fortunate, and the Boers having occupied the station-yard turned the signals and points against the train and easily "held it up." It was a good prize, as it was a "supply" train with several wagons of live stock. In the passenger compartments were two special correspondents, who were made prisoners of war. As can easily be imagined Thursday was an exceptionally anxious day in Ladysmith. Advices from General Penn Symons showed that the enemy had gathered in force before Dundee, and an attack was hourly expected. The movements of the three Free State commandos before Ladysmith were wrapped in such mystery that it was feared that they were working south towards Colenso, that flank being indifferently protected. On Friday morning a reconnaissance in force under Major General J.T.P. French, who had arrived from England on the preceding day, was sent out towards Elandslaagte, and as the troops left the environs of the town it was known that the attack upon Dundee had commenced. General French moved his cavalry out as far as Modder's Spruit, 12 miles along the Dundee road. From a knoll overlooking the dip station of Modder's Spruit, we caught a glimpse of the Dutchmen. The day was overcast and misty, in fact, a drizzling rain was falling, consequently the reconnaissance was not as successful as it might have been, and the two battalions of infantry and the battery supporting the cavalry were able to make but little progress. But from the knoll we were able to make out horsemen upon the low ridges a couple of miles in our direct front. They were not in force, and appeared to be a foraging party. A squadron of the 5th Lancers was sent forward to reconnoitre, and pushed on to within two miles of the Elandslaagte coalfields. That the horsemen seen were enemy was proved by a subsequent capture, for a patrol of the same, consisting of two men, rode into us, having mistaken the squadron for their own people. The information drawn from this patrol was not reliable, but it localized the enemy, for they allowed that they formed part of an outpost of 50 men occupying Elandslaagte. They seemed eminently pleased at being captured, and scouted the suggestion that they should be escorted back, being willing to come along to camp. The capture of these men and another vedette of equal strength proved the sole incidents of the reconnaissance, and the force returned to camp in pouring rain. On returning to Ladysmith I met Sir George White and staff, and heard from them the news of the successful engagement at Dundee. But the elation at the splendid feats of the British infantry was tempered with the sad news of the General's dangerous wound. The information concerning the affair was meagre, but the effect on Ladysmith was magical, and in a moment the heavy weight of anxiety had been lifted from the little station. The first great test had ended in our favour and for the moment the tension was relieved.

On Saturday morning another reconnaissance was made towards Elandslaagte, General French was again in command, and had with him the Imperial Light Horse, under Lieutenant-Colonel Scott-Chisholme, and the Natal Volunteer Artillery (six guns), supported by half a company of the Manchester Regiment in a train, the latter being piloted by the armoured train.

The advanced guard pushed on quietly, and crossed the low ridges which the enemy had occupied on the preceding day. There was no sign of an enemy until the column was within a couple of miles of the Elandslaagte coalfields when a scout was sighted, and, I believe, shot by the advanced patrol. Having reconnoitred and discovered the direction in which the Elandslaagte Station lay, General French brought up the Volunteer battery, and at 8-30 a.m., slowly advanced along a low tableland which terminated suddenly in a cliff. Below this cliff, stretched a plain for two miles, or perhaps two miles and a half, forming a gentle depression in the centre. In its centre lay the station and settlement of Elandslaagte. In our direct front appeared a group of tin houses, surrounded by trees, while to the left stretched away the goods extension leading to the coalfields. The northern slopes of the valley stood out marked black with smokestacks and pit-mouths. But our attention rested on other matters than the dwellings and colliery clumps, for the place was alive with Boers. It was evident that our appearance upon the skyline of the tableland had taken the enemy completely by surprise. Mounted Boers could be seen all over the set lement. As soon as they realised that a force was upon them they turned their horses' heads towards the hillslopes behind the line and evacuated the settlement at their best pace. They all seemed to be making for a slope which lay at the foot of the hills taller than the surrounding country, about 5,000 yards from where we stood. As there were many men still in the station, as soon as our advanced guard spread out in the plain below the tableland General French ordered up the Volunteer Battery. It came into action on the edge of the tableland against the principal buildings in the railway yard. Two shells were fired, both taking effect. The sequence was unexpected, for barely had the smoke of the second round cleared when two shells dropped in rapid succession into the battery groups. Both missiles exploded, and one so damaged the team and gear of an ammunition wagon that subsequently it could not be moved. Having established their range, the enemy began to shell the battery heavily. They were using a smokeless explosive, but their battery stood declared by the flash of the guns against the shadow of the hillside. They appeared to have two guns in position at the foot of the slope before-mentioned, while with strong glasses it could be seen that the hilltops and a ridge in the background were covered with men. The Volunteer Battery attempted to return the fire, but, as they are equipped with 7-pdr. screw guns on wheeled mountings, there was little chance of their subduing the fire of a battery of superior calibre at a range of 4,000 to 5,000 yards. But the enemy's practice was a revelation. With their first three rounds they found the range to a nicety, and for the space of ten minutes their projectiles practically fell on the edge of the tableland. The shooting was wonderful, but not being well fused many of the shells buried themselves in the soft earth before bursting. General French saw that there could be no question of occupying Elandslaagte with the small force with him, so he moved his guns back to a position circling the armoured train and quietly withdrew his force out of range. The enemy fired a few rounds at the trains, but these fell short. As the General and his staff left the tableland, a shell burst amongst them, but, beyond scattering a shower of mud over them, did no damage. The overturned ammunition wagon had to be abandoned. The telegraph wire was tapped, and the General communicated with headquarters, Ladysmith, with the result that we learned that we were to be reinforced by two regiments of British cavalry, two field batteries, and two and a-half battalions of infantry, the latter to arrive by train. On receiving this information General French withdrew the whole force to the vicinity of Modders Spruit.

As we fell back we could see parties of mounted enemy leaving their position and pressing at a gallop round the reverse of a hill on the far side of the railway line. They evidently hoped to work round the trains doubtless with the object of ramraying rails behind them. The supposition that we had completely surprised them was confirmed later in the morning, when a batch of Europeans who had been detained as prisoners by the Boers joined us. They included the manager and officials of the principal coal mine and the captured correspondents. The story which Mr. Harris, the manager of the Elandslaagte mine, told was interesting. Anticipating that the Boers might make an attempt upon Elandslaagte, Mr. Harris had taken the precaution to bury all his specie, blasting gunpowder, and spare ammunition, but he had kept his mines open to the last moment. He was having his dinner when the Boer commando rode upon Wednesday. The commando consisted of about 800 Transvaal Boers, in chief from the Johannesburg district. There were also 200 Free State Boers and 80 trained gunners of the German legion. The contingent was under the command of General Koch, and in its ranks were Colonel Schiel, the chief gunnery instructor, Judge Koch, Count Zippi in, Commandant Prinsloo, Cossar, Landdrost, Marc of Ermelo, Captain Figulus von Leggelo, Public Prosecutor, and many other high officials. There were two quick-firing field guns with the column, directly under the command of a Captain Schultz. On arrival at Mr. Harris's mine, the Boers, after rifling his cash safe, had left his other property untouched, placing him on parole to appear at an inquiry on the following day. The only loot of importance besides the trains which fell into their hands was 200lb. of dynamite. As soon as they were in possession of the station and train the Boers chose the position from which they had shelled the head of General French's column, and there established their laager and camp, this camp being the scene of the final action which broke up the commando. On the Friday the prisoners were brought up before General Koch, who examined them in the station, sitting at a bare table munching a mutton chop, which he ate without table appointments. After this inquiry the prisoners were handed over to a German officer, who treated them with every courtesy, and even hinted to them early on Saturday morning that the opportunity for escape had arrived. Mr. Harris also stated that the enemy anticipated a reinforcement both from Joubert's force at Dundee and from the Free State commando in the vicinity of Besters. The news of the battle at Dundee had arrived, but had been given to the Boers as a British defeat.

About 11 o'clock the first reinforcements began to arrive from Ladysmith—the 5th Lancers under Colonel King, and two batteries of artillery, the latter having come on at a gallop with double teams. Then the infantry arrived under Colonel Ian Hamilton, the second half-battalion of the Manchester Regiment, seven companies of the Devonshire Regiment under Major Park, and five companies of the Gordon Highlanders under Lieutenant-Colonel Dick Cunyngham, V. C. Pending the arrival of these reinforcements, and even while the infantry was detraining, some desultory skirmishing took place upon the flanks. It will be remembered that a party of Boers had been seen leaving their laager with the supposed object of cutting off the train. A squadron of the 5th Lancers and of the Imperial Light Horse had been sent out on the right of the railway to cover the flank, which would be exposed to any attack from them. From 10 to 2 the squadron was in contact with the enemy, and, though the Boers fired many shots, they were always careful to keep at a respectful distance and invariably fell back when our patrols advanced. On the left of Modders Spruit the situation was somewhat different. About 3 o'clock a squadron of the 5th Dragoons was pushed forward, to the base of a big hill over which there is a pass leading to the Free State railway connexions. As this squadron stood halted and extended in the plain, Maxim fire was suddenly opened upon it at an absurdly short range. The direction of the fire was inaccurate, as no casualty occurred, and, one of our batteries coming into action, this party of enemy speedily withdrew into the hills and took no further part in the day's fighting. It is believed, but not varified, that this contingent with the Maxim gun was the Orange Free State reinforcement which General Koch expected. Whoever they were they remained content to view the battle of the evening without taking part in it. About 3 o'clock all the reinforcements were up, and in spite of the few hours of daylight left General French determined to attack the position. The field of operations here requires description. The enemy were in position on a ridge about 800ft. above the level of the railway to the north of the Ladysmith-Dundee road. This ridge makes almost a right angle with the permanent way, but stands away from it about 2,000 yards. At the railway end rises a conical hill covering the whole top of the ridge, this kopje is connected by a neck to another hill, which absolutely sweeps the table summit of the ridge for 700 to 1,000 yards. These two kopjes and the nek were the main position held by the enemy, their laager being in the nek and their guns intrenched on the smaller hill. In front of the ridge extends an open valley of veldt, gently sloping upwards for 4,000 or 5,000 yards in the direction of Ladysmith, where it merges into a succeeding ridge. A few of the enemy held this succeeding ridge, doubtless the men that had been seen leaving the laager in the morning. These were turned out as the infantry advanced across another stretch of open by dismounted squadrons of the 5th Lancers and Imperial Light Horse. At 4 p.m. the infantry, the Manchester Regiment leading, supported by the Devonshire Regiment, with the half-battalion of Gordon Highlanders in reserve, began to form on the flat eminence, which I have called the succeeding ridge. As soon as they appeared on this exposed plateau the Dutch guns opened with common shell. Their ranging again was good, but the fire was ineffective. As the Manchester Regiment moved to the right and the Devonshire Regiment deployed on its left the 21st Field Battery galloped up and came into action against the enemy's artillery at about 4500 yards, being forced to unlimber without cover in the open space between the Devonshire and Manchester Regiments. For six minutes the enemy returned the fire, laying their guns with great accuracy on our battery in action. As an effect of this shell fire Captain Campbell, R.A., was wounded in the leg, an ammunition wagon upset, and several men and horses killed and shattered. Just as the 42nd Field Battery came into action the enemy's guns ceased firing. But the position of their battery being declared, the artillery preparation on our part, commenced. Sir George White and staff had arrived, and Sir George remained throughout the engagement without relieving General French, from the direction of the operations. The scene during the short artillery preparation was a weird one. The battlefield. A huge bank of thunder cloud formed a background to the Dutch position, one dense pall of cloud fringed with the grey of a setting sun. So dark was this background that every puff of bursting shrapnel showed distinctly to the naked eye. Even and anon a blinding flash would momentarily chase the gloom away, causing the saw-edged limits of the ridge to stand out sharp and clear against the evening sky. The detonation of the guns and crashing of the galloping wagons seemed in harmony with peals of thunder which at periods dwarfed the din of battle. But the light was failing, night being hastened by the gathering storm clouds, and after half an hour of preparation the order was given to Colonel Ian Hamilton to set his infantry machine in motion. Shortly previous to this parties of mounted Boers could be seen galloping down the western slopes on the ridge on the right of our line, and apparently doing their best to leave the field. They were pursued by the squadron of 5th Lancers and Imperial Light Horse on that flank. It is not certain if this flight was real or a ruse to draw the cavalry into an ambush. It seems incredible that mounted men desirous of quitting a battlefield should choose to gallop across part of the attacking front when they could have secured ample cover by slipping down the reverse of their own position. Personally I believe it to have been a ruse, and that these men, failing to embroil the cavalry covering our right in advance, returned to their own fighting line by galloping round the shoulder of the ridge.

The order of the infantry attack was as follows:—The Devonshire Regiment was ordered to deliver a frontal attack, which necessitated their crossing the open plain of rolling veldt to which I have already referred. The Manchester Regiment was detailed to turn the enemy's left, and, advancing along the summit of the ridge, drive the Dutchmen back upon their main position; they were to be supported by the five companies of Highlanders. The two batteries were to support the infantry advance, moving in to closer ranges as the attack developed. In the first instance it will be better to follow the fortunes of the frontal attack. Major Park, placed three companies in the firing line in the following order from the right:—F Company (Lieutenant Field), G Company (Lieutenant Caffin), D Company (Captain Lafone). These were extended over a front of 400 or 500 yards and formed their own supports. The remaining four companies were in reserve under Major Currie, being in single rank, in column, with about 50 paces interval, which was increased when the enemy's guns came into action. As soon as the battalion was well over the plateau and descending into the valley, the enemy found them with shrapnel, but the missiles went high, or with extraordinary precision burst in the intervals between companies. The casualties from shell fire were therefore slight, three men only from A Company being hit. When the regiment had advanced to about 1,200 yards from the position, Major Park, who commanded his battalion with great coolness, halted it and opened fire, the only cover available being the ant heaps with which the plain abounded. The battalion now came under a severe infantry fire, but nothing could have surpassed the steadiness with which this south country battalion moved forward. It had the admiration of all that day; its advance throughout was slow, deliberate, and irresistible. After firing a few volleys the firing line was reinforced with supports, and again steadily advanced. Though men were dropping fast, and the air whistled with Mauser bullets there was no sign of streakiness, and though there was no cover the men stepped on undaunted until they were within 800 yards from the summit of the hill. The fading light and the colour of their uniforms probably saved them from the slaughter that one imagined must be in store for them, as they lay at the bottom of the depression, waiting for the flank attack to develop. Here, with the guns thundering above them and the soil torn with incessant rifle fire, they lay for over half an hour waiting for the moment when the advance should sound. Rarely has a regiment been so severely tried, never has one acquitted itself better.

While the Devonshire Regiment was lying in the valley taking advantage of what cover the ant-heaps could afford it, the flank attack on the enemy's left was developing. The Manchester Regiment had moved past the batteries, had been joined by a dismounted squadron of the Imperial Light Horse under Major Wools Sampson and Captain Mukins, and was pushing round to the lower summit of the range. The Gordon Highlanders followed in support. Just as the latter reached the foot of the ridge the storm, which had been threatening so long, burst, and in a few moments every one was drenched to the skin. The shower was sharp and short, but by the time it was over the Gordon Highlanders were among the stones which covered the crest of the ridge. Dropping shots were falling about them, a couple of men were hit, another shot dead, and then the supports were into the firing line and filling up the gaps in the line of the Manchester Regiment and the Light Horse. There was a short plateau to cross, then a saving dip, with a climb to the main plateau again. Cheerily the men responded to their officers, and wave after wave of kilts and khaki swept up to the skyline. Here they wavered and dropped, for of the first sections only one in four could pass. A moment they checked, dead, wounded, and quick seemed sandwiched together amongst the boulders. Then their officers shouted them up. Again the skyline darkened with lines of men bent double. Again they seemed to melt away; still were they fed from below. And then all were over, but not all, for 50 stout fellows lay prostrate in the clefts of the rain-washed stones. And when the dip was passed, what a task lay before them! They were called to face 600 yards of rough, rock-strewn open—intersected at intervals with barbed-wire fences. At the end rose a kopje, which commanded the plateau from end to end, as a butt would command a rifle-range. No one could be seen, but all could feel that that final kopje was alive with small-bore rifles. Stumbling forward among the stones, blundering over the bodies of their comrades as they fell before them, the men pressed on. It had ceased to be a moment for regimental commanders. Even sections could barely keep together; it was the brute courage of the individual alone that carried them on. Men stopped, lay under stones and fired, were shot as they lay or rose from cover to rush another dozen yards. Men and officers were slaughtered in batches at the fences. But here in places the rain of bullets had done the work of wire-cutters. More than halfway was won, and yet, though the summit of the kopje seemed the continuous burst of shrapnel, the fire from it in nowise slackened. It seemed that the men had done all that could be done Colonel Dick-Cunyngham was shot in two places half the officers of the Gordon Highlanders were down. The level crest seemed strewn with countless casualties. The critical moment had arrived. It was to be victory now or never; Colonel Ian Hamilton ordered a bugler to sound the "Charge." Out rang the bugle, such buglers as were unhurt took up the note; Drummajor Lawrence, of the Gordon Highlanders, rushed out into the open and headed the line, playing the fateful call. The sound of the Devonshire bugles came up from the valley bottom, and the persistent rythm of their firing gave heart to the flank attack. Waves of glittering bayonets danced forward in the twilight. Twenty determined men still held the final kopje. Again the bugles sounded "the advance," then the "cease fire" rang out. There was a lull in the firing; men stopped and stood up clear of cover. In a moment the Boers reopened and swept away a dozen brave men. But the dastardly ruse was a last and futile effort to save the day. Lieutenant Field at the head of his company of the Devonshire Regiment, was into the battery with the bayonet: the men who had served the guns till the steel was 6ft. away from them were shot or bayoneted. Divoos, Manchesters, Highlanders, and Light Horsemen met and dashed for the laager in the dip below. It was a wild three minutes; men were shouting "Majuba!" Then in hones; orderes the "cease fire" sounded, the pipes of the Gordons skirled the regimental quick step, and we saw a sight which thrilled us all, the white flag fluttering from a Mauser carbine held by a bearded Boer.

The Boers were beaten and driven from a strong position of their own choosing. Some half-dozen men stood in the laager on the nek holding a flag of truce to stay the fire of the despised Rooinek. In the meantime fugitives were streaming down the reverse of the position. Firing will never on these occasions stop automatically, and a smattering unsteady still took place and continued on into the night. But before darkness became absolute the mass of Dutch fugitives were overtaken by the 5th Lancers, kept in leash on the left for this purpose. Their work was simple, and the infantry success on the hilltop was rendered complete by a cavalry pursuit pushed home. But there had been a price upon the victory. It has been said that infantry would never in the face of modern arms be called upon to deliver an attack such as was made at Elandslaagte. But having done so, the price of necessity must be heavy. We lost in the action against Commandant Koch's commando four officers and 37 men killed, 31 officers and 175 men wounded, and ten men missing. What the enemy's losses were it is hard to estimate, as early in the day they had made arrangements to remove their killed and wounded. But a British burying party subsequently sent out from Ladysmith interred 65 dead Boers found lying on the field alone, so that, with the 50 odd for which the Lancers were responsible, it will not be far wrong to estimate their losses in killed alone at 150. As for their wounded, but few of those that have surrendered have escaped. Amongst the dead upon the field were found Lazzelo, Public Prosecutor, Dr. Coster, Bodenstein, Judicial Magistrate, Krugersdorp, Mare, Landrost Boksburg, Captain Figulus, Krugersdorp, Commandant Ben Viljoen is reported to have been present, and to have died of his wounds. Lying on the hill-side were Commandants Kock, Pienaar, and Pretorius, Colonel Schiel, Judge Kock, De Wit Hamer, Volksraad member for Barberton, and many other prominent Hollander and Dutch officials.

The British force was compelled to bivouac on the position it had won. Then began the sad and gruesome task of searching for the wounded in the dark. It was impossible to find all in the evening, but numbers were carried down, as were the breech blocks of two captured guns, which, according to the Intelligence Department, proved to be the identical guns captured at Krugersdorp. The reverse of the position was littered with Mausers, and for the trouble of seizing their bridles Boer ponies became individual property. Koch's commando was completely broken up. Three hundred wounded and whole prisoners remained in our hands, and all the equipment of 1,200 to 1,400 men.

Taking a compass bearing at a quarter to 7 I started across the veldt to return to Ladysmith, where I arrived shortly before 11, after having been in the saddle since 3 o'clock in the morning.

The following extract from a letter from an officer of the Natal Field Forest, dated October 24, has been sent to us for publication:—"By the time you get this you will have seen all about the battle of Elandslaagte in the papers. . . . I didn't get a scratch, but of the officers five were wounded—the colonel, the adjutant, Melville, Paton, and Burke; they are all doing splendidly. We lost seven men killed and about 30 wounded. It is no use trying to describe the battle; you will probably have seen all about it in the papers. As I say, the most horrible part came afterwards. It was dark by the time we finished, and we had to take up a position (late the Boer position) in the dark in the pelting rain and wind. You cannot possibly imagine anything more pitiful than to sit out all night and hear Tommy's loud bragging mixed with the groans of the wounded and dying. The night did come to an end at last, and then I was set to work with all the men we could spare to help the doctors in the field. I found poor Paton, who had been lying out all night, with a bullet in his thigh. Two men of his company had probably saved his life by lying on either side of him all night and keeping him as warm as possible. He is as jolly as a sandboy now, and they have got him bundled out. I found two chaps in the Gordons whom I knew fairly well stone dead within about 20 yards of each other. I hope and trust they are buried by this time, but we can't tell, as the burying party under Vizard went out yesterday was fired on, and had to return, and since they have been out again they have not been heard of, so I expect they are prisoners by this time; that just shows what the Boers' code of honour is. When we had got their position on Saturday a man came with a flag of truce in one hand while he fired right and left with his revolver in the other; while others kept on firing at us till within 15 yards, and then surrendered. Can one wonder if Tommy shoots them, surrender or no? Then is a heavy artillery fire going on to-day about 12 miles away, and we are to be in readiness to move anywhere and do anything at 2-45 this afternoon, so if we are being beaten I expect we shall have another brush with them before nightfall. Thank goodness, the Boer never fights at night, so we often get quite six hours sleep in two days. I am exceedingly well, and hope to remain so, as we are very short of officers now. That, I suspect, is why we are not fighting at this very moment. The bullets were simply raining on us like hail on Saturday, but somehow one hardly notices them when once fairly started. N——and I captured a gun after an exciting race with the fifle-major of the Gordons. On the whole I enjoyed it, but, as I say, the afterwards was awful. I had an excellent view of everything, as my company supplied half the firing line. The time I felt most inclined to run away was, oddly enough, when we were nearly a mile from them and were firing long-range volleys at each other. I am sure they are trying to pick off the officers, as while I was lying by myself in the open the bullets pattered all round me, but when I went up to speak to one of my n-c-o's, there did not seem to be half as many. My greatcoat came unstrapped there, too, which was very annoying as I had to take out my knife and cut a new hole in the strap before I could do it up again. The only damage I sustained was the loss of my pocket-handkerchief and stylographic pen, which I had only got the day before; also I bent my sword so that it will not go into the scabbard properly. Very rheumatic and stiff I was the next morning, too, after sleeping in a puddle in the pouring rain. We captured two out of their four guns and destroyed the other two."
—*Times* correspondent, Nov. 24.

BATTLE IN THE SOUDAN.

THE following telegram from the Sirdar, dated Omdurman, Nov. 23, has been forwarded to the Foreign Office by Lord Cromer:—

"Wingate found Dreffssa evacuated and pushed on to Abu Adil, four miles further, where Ahmed Fedil's force was found encamped. The enemy were at once engaged by the mounted troops under Mahon, with four Maxims, two guns, and Jehadis under Gorringe. Dervishes charged with all their old dash to within eighty yards of guns. Wingate, with Infantry, arrived in time to support Mahon, and cleared the whole position, Dervishes bolting through the bush, followed by mounted troops. Wingate estimates Fedil's force to have been 2,400, of which 400 have been killed. He has also taken considerable number of prisoners, quantity of grain, rifles, ammunition, &c. Our casualties are one Egyptian Captain mortally wounded, one trooper camel corps and one Jehadia slightly. Wingate's further movements depend on his finding water. All troops well. I consider operations have been carried out in most creditable manner."

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MR. HERBERT SPENCER's health is so good that he is able to give several hours, on most days, to literary work. He is at Brighton, which, indeed, it may now be said, he has come to make his home. The revised edition of the second volume of his Principles of Biology will be published on Saturday. Considerable additions have been made to the book—in short, its matter has been brought up to date.

Last year Mr. Spencer revised the first volume of the Biology, the whole book, of course, forming part of his system of synthetic philosophy. That great school of thought opens with the work First Principles, of which, by-the-by, Mr. Spencer is contemplating another revised edition. The curious will be interested in noting that the prospectus, wherein Mr. Spencer announced his Synthetic Philosophy, was distributed in 1860. First Principles was then nearly ready, and the volumes of Biology appeared in 1863 and 1863.

Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff is to give us two more volumes from the diary which he has managed to keep up from day to day all through his public life. The last instalment of it had relation to the five years that he spent in India as Governor of Madras. The new instalment begins with his home-coming from India in 1868, and goes on to 1888—an interesting time in English politics, of which Sir Mountstuart had an inside view, although not himself taking an active part in it. The new series of notes from a diary may not appear until after Christmas.

As is known, Mr. Stephen Phillips has been engaged upon a play relating to the story of Paolo and Francesca. He finished it some little time ago, and it will be published as a pretty volume by Mr. Lane on Thursday. The play was commissioned by Mr. George Alexander for production at the St. James's Theatre. It was produced the other day for copyright purposes, and no doubt we shall duly see it on the stage. Mostly it is in verse, but partly, as the Elizabethan method was, in prose.

There is a winsome old Devonshire ballad, Widdicombe Fair, which owes its revival in popularity largely to Mr. Baring Gould. A set of drawings in color, illustrating it, is to be published by Messrs. Harper. Tom Pearce, Tom Pearce, lend me thy grey horse, the ballad opens, and then we have in word and picture the events of the fair. The artist is an American lady, Miss Pamela Colman Smith, who was here in the summer. Sir Henry Irving liked her color pictures so much that he asked her to do the posters for his present American tour. Miss Smith does her drawings first in black and white, then fills in the colors, which in the reproductions are also hand-work.

The other day an interesting test case bearing upon the sale of net books was submitted for consideration to the committee of the Publishers' Association. It was decided to take no action in regard to it, since the new discount system will come into operation at the beginning of the year. The great mass of booksellers have given adherence to this plan of campaign, and the publishers have all done so. A certain number of London booksellers decline to bind themselves to the scheme, but it is not thought that this will interfere with it. However, everything remains to be seen.

Before going to America, Mr. Clement Scott finished his book of dramatic reminiscences, and his friend Mr. Austin Brereton, has now corrected the last of the proofs. The book, which is in two volumes, may therefore be expected from Messrs. Macmillan before very long. Mr. Scott says that in attempting to blend the details of the history of the stage for the last fifty years with personal reminiscences, he has endeavoured to the best of his ability to avoid anything that might be described as acrimonious controversy. Still he adds, it was impossible to discard the politics of the drama, as for instance, free trade in dramatic art and wholesome independence in criticism.

"The following pages," writes the Dean of Winchester, "are the first instalment of work which I have long and anxiously desired to see undertaken." His allusion is to the new history of the English Church, which Messrs. Macmillan are bringing out under his editorship, the first volume being due to-morrow. It is by the Rev. William Hunt. "What seemed to be wanted," the Dean continues, "was a continuous and adequate history in volumes of a moderate size and price, based upon a careful study of original authorities and the best ancient and modern writers." That describes the history to which Dean Stephens himself will contribute the second volume.

Within the next few days Mr. Heinemann will publish Mr. Cosmo Monkhouse's volume on seven contemporary British artists. These are Watts, Millais, Leighton, Burne-Jones, Alma-Tadema, Orchard son, and Poynter. They have this, at least, in common, that they are well-known painters of the figure. On the other hand, their personalities are as different as their names, and they may be said to illustrate every class of figure-painting from genre to romance, and to strike many chords of human feeling between the domestic and the tragic. The work is illustrated by reproductions of the most important works of each artist.

During next week Mr. Murray will publish a book, A Glimpse of Guatemala, which deals with the ancient monuments of Central America. The writers are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Percival Maudslay, the former of whom has made seven different visits to Central America. This volume is, in great part, the story of the most recent journey, told by Mrs. Maudslay. Since the year 1841, when Stevens and Catherwood astonished the English-speaking world with the story of their wanderings through Central America, and their description of the ancient ruins there, the country has been sadly neglected by English travellers and writers.

Miss Olive Birrell, the sister of Mr. Augustine Birrell, has written a long story dealing with the social problems of London life. It will appear serially in the "Puritan."—A serial novel is not usually reviewed before its publication in book form. This has happened—the "Pall Mall Gazette" making the departure—in the case of Mr. Marriott Watson's new novel, The Princess Xenia, just concluded in "Harper's."—The story will be published next week as book by Messrs. Harper. It is a modern romance, referring in some part to one of the minor Principalities of Europe.—Messrs. Chatto have in the press a novel by Mr. Algernon Gissing entitled A Secret of the North Sea. Next Thursday they publish Miss Annie Thomas's story of London society, The Siren's Web.—Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's novel, In Connection with the De Willoughby Claim, will be published by Messrs. Warne early next week.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales have accepted copies of the Kipling Calendar for the coming year, just published by Messrs. Harper. It is said that the Prince of Wales promptly ordered several additional copies. Messrs. Macmillan will publish Mr. Rice Holmes's historical work, Cæsar's Conquest of Gaul, on which he has been engaged for about eleven years. He has studied the whole subject of Cæsar's campaigns in the most exhaustive way.—The first volume of Mr. Augustus Grimble's work on the salmon rivers of Scotland will be published forthwith by Messrs. Kegan Paul. It has numerous illustrations.—The new number of the Masters of Medicine Series will be issued by Mr. Fisher Unwin on Monday. It is a life of Helmholtz, the famous German physiologist, the writer being Professor McKendrick.

"The Story of Francis Cludde" (Cassell), now republished in a popular edition, has all the characteristic features of Mr. Stanley Weyman's writing. It is a good racy story, as are all Mr. Stanley Weyman's stories, the interest does not flag, the reader follows the hero from one impossible hair-breadth escape to another at a pace which brings him breathless to the end. It is, indeed, just this pace which is Mr. Stanley Weyman's strong point. He has no particular literary style, no special skill in the indication of character. His heroes, heroines, and villains are alike of the commonest type of melodrama. Their adventures are incredible, nor have they any distinguishing characteristics to associate them with the lines in which they are supposed to live. Yet there is a dash and swing about Mr. Stanley Weyman's stories, a wholesome heartiness, a gay ingenuity, which carry away the most fastidious reader.

"Saint Peter in Rome, and his Tomb on the Vatican Hill," by the Rev. A. S. Barnes, throws much new light upon what has hitherto been a very obscure subject. Mr. Barnes has utilised for this purpose all the recent archæological discoveries in Rome, which are much more important and numerous than is commonly known in England. The most novel portion of the book is that which tells the story of St. Peter's burial, and of the gradual development of the original vault in which he was laid into the Basilica which we know to-day. The whole of this is absolutely new, and of great interest. The work will contain many illustrations, including portraits, and plans, and sections. Mr. Barnes has spent some years in Rome, studying his subject, and his book is certainly a remarkable one.

Mr. Phil May is the latest illustrator of Dickens. He has finished the drawings for "David Copperfield," which is to be published as a Christmas book, and for the "Pickwick Papers," which will be published early next year. Here, however, his career as an illustrator of Dickens ends. The cockney type of to-day differs in many respects from that of the time of Dickens, and he has found the work of collecting accurate material very great. Besides, in his own words, "It has been done before, and done very well."

At the "Book Party," which came off on recently at the Pioneer Club, the dresses of the ladies representing various books showed considerable ingenuity. The first prize was awarded to "Mill on Liberty," personated by Miss Hartley in a scarlet costume, with a toy windmill on her shoulder, and a latch-key well to the fore. A lady carrying a large rolling-pin and Mrs. Beaton's cookery book gained the second prize, as "How to be happy though married." Mrs. Greive was very original as "Hymns Ancient and Modern"; red ribbons were brought down the side of the dress, which was decorated with photographs of the Duke of Cambridge and the Archbishop of Canterbury on one side, and on the other Lord Kitchener, Martin Harvey, and Cecil Rhodes. Master a Beckett appeared among the ladies in a coat of "holes surrounded by rags," representing "It's never too late to mend."

THE *Nowoe Vremya* publishes an article emphasising its previously expressed views in favour of the idea that Russia should absolutely oppose any strengthening of British influence in Southern Persia, and particularly in the province of Seistan, on the possession of which equally depends for Russia and Great Britain the success of their policy in Western Asia. The journal continues:—Russia's establishment in the province of Seistan would be for her the best preliminary to the acquisition of a port on the Indian Ocean, which is essentially necessary for her from a political, strategical, and economic point of view. No violence should, however, be used towards Persia, and nothing should be attempted against her integrity or independence. The Persian Government should simply be asked to get rid of the British military posts established in Eastern Persia. After this the Russian Government should lose no time in obtaining from the Persian Government a concession for the exclusive right of constructing railways in Persia. . . . Far from molesting Persia by seeking to subjugate her, Russia, on the contrary, would only be the means of introducing in that country blessings of civilisation and of economic prosperity.

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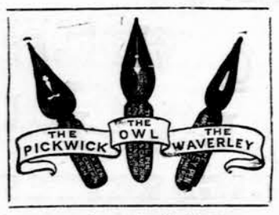

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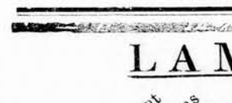

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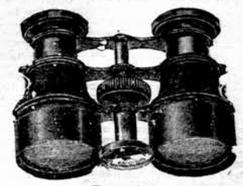

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